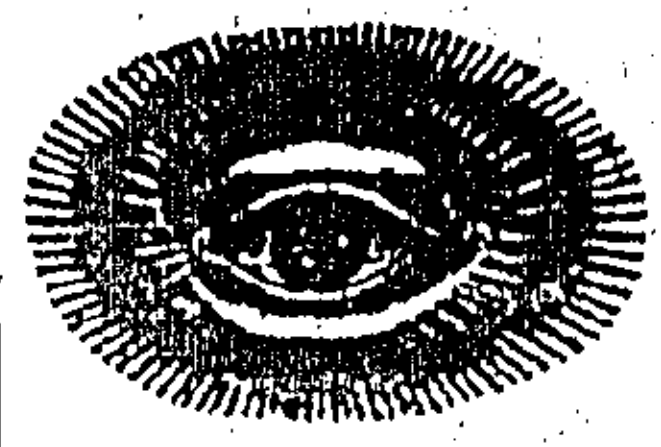




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NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN FAIL. ANOTHER ELEVENTH-HOUR BREAKDOWN.

NATIONALISTS HAVE "NOTHING TO SAY."

ABORTIVE FINAL PARLEY.

Once again there has been an eleventh-hour breakdown in the negotiations at Hankow between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Eugene Chen. The message conveying this news does not indicate the cause of the disagreement, merely stating that the agreement was not signed yesterday, after what is believed to be the final conference.

There are no new developments to report from Yangtze ports, excepting that the boycott of H.M.S. Teal at Wankhsien has been partially lifted.

Regarding the movement of British forces, a thousand marines en route to China have arrived at Colombo, where the Coldstream Guards are expected to-day. An estimate of the cost of despatching troops to the Far East up to the end of March has been put at \$770,000.

Hankow, Feb. 14. It is believed that the negotiations between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Eugene Chen have again broken down at the eleventh hour. —*Reuter.*

"Nothing to Say."

Laten. The agreement was not signed after what is believed to be the final conference. The Nationalist Foreign Office states "We have nothing to say, but that does not mean that there is trouble." —*Reuter.*

PREVIOUS BREAKDOWN.

The British Proposals.

It will be remembered that the previous breakdown occurred on the eve of Chinese New Year, even after final negotiations had been made to the draft Agreement. The negotiations were concluded on the Saturday and the agreement was to have been signed on the following day, when Mr. Eugene Chen suddenly intimated that the agreement could not be signed while troops were concentrating at Shanghai. That was on February 1st.

The negotiations were resumed on February 7th, and there have been meetings during the past week between Mr. Chen and Mr. O'Malley. It was announced by Sir Austen Chamberlain, in the course of his speech in the House of Commons on Thursday last, that the new agreement which had been drawn up at Hankow and which was ready for signing provided for the Concession to be returned to the British Municipal Council, who would formally hand it over to a Sino-British Municipal body, modelled on that already existing in the former German Concession. The new Council would be elected by the ratepayers and all funds raised would be spent in the Municipality. All cheques would be countersigned by one of the British Consuls and there would be a joint Sino-British audit of accounts, and ratepayers would have the right to settle the budget and also a veto right.

We should be prepared, added Sir Austen, to assure Mr. Chen that the British authorities concerned would do their utmost to implement and ensure a successful agreement under which, as far as the British were concerned, Chinese citizens would enjoy the same rights as the British in the same area. These were the stages of the agreement, but we agreed to these various parts. If we arrived at an agreement on the whole."

NAVAL REPORTS.

The "Teal" Boycott.

Wankhsien, Feb. 14. The boycott of H.M.S. Teal has been partially lifted, though Gene-

SHANGHAI PLAN.

U. S. DECEIVED BY WIRE-PULLERS?

WIDESPREAD OPPOSITION.

The so-called American plan for the neutralization of Shanghai is not an American plan at all, says George E. Sokolsky, writing in the *North China Daily News*. It was conceived in Shanghai and wonderfully fertilized with inaccurate information until the American Government was led to sponsor a suggestion which is equally offensive to all groups of governing Chinese and which, were it to have a remote chance of success, would so complicate Shanghai's politics as to make a permanent solution a practical impossibility. The plan calls for a neutral area in Shanghai, that is in the Chinese territory outside of the settlement. This area is to be governed presumably by Shanghai Chinese, naturally self-appointed or elected by Shanghai organizations, which amounts largely to the same thing.

A "Nationalist" Promise.

The success of the plan depends upon the willingness of the militarists on all sides to omit Shanghai from their calculations. Definitely, it requires Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, who still holds Kiangsu and most of Chekiang, to give up his principal port and his main source of revenue to an antagonistic group of local politicians and merchants, who could use the millions a month of Shanghai revenue to start a political party of their own, which could be used to agitate for his destruction in his own territory. The proposal is based upon an exceedingly uncertain promise of General Chiang Kai-shek's that when his armies roll from Hangchow to Nanking, they will omit Shanghai. Why? It is easy enough for General Chiang to make such a promise to his fellow Chekiang provincials when his forces have not even reached Yenchow, but should his troops ever come to Sungkiang or Huchow, why would they keep away from Shanghai, where the surtax revenue alone is more than a million Haikuan taels a month and where the Chinese opium merchants drive the most flourishing trade in China? If Yang Sen were driven out of Ichang for the opium revenue there, is it reasonable to believe that the "Nationalist" Government would miss a chance at Shanghai? The fatality of the scheme and America's sponsorship of it are only further indications of the complete downfall of realism in the foreign Powers' policies *vis-a-vis* of China.

Insult to the North.

To the North, the scheme is a definite insult. Marshal Chang Tso-lin in his interview with Mr. Ketchum of the *Daily Express*, insisted upon the offence offered him by Great Britain when the British Government continued to make every concession to the unfriendly South and ignored the friendly North. The effects of this policy are evident in the attitude of the Waichiaopu and the Fengtien party toward foreign proposals and foreign affairs. They are becoming increasingly antagonistic, because the northern militarists, who are not striving for imponderables, as Mr. Chen would say, are very practical gentlemen and if they are convinced that they can get more out of the Powers by antagonism than by friendship, they will pursue a policy of antagonism. The American Government in sponsoring this Ningpo scheme for the neutralization of Shanghai, further antagonizes the northern militarist, for he asks, "Why do you want to take my territory while I am straining every sinew to hold it?"

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has particular reasons for being annoyed, for he has maintained order here, has fought to keep the Nationalist Army away from Shanghai against heart-breaking difficulties and has not yet failed. Of course, there are many brilliant

SUN BEGINS GENERAL ATTACK.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN CHEKIANG.

NAVY COMING SOUTH?

A Chinese telegram from Shanghai, received in Hongkong this morning, states that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang began his general attack against the Nationalists in Chekiang on Sunday, and that severe fighting has since been in progress.

The message further states that 500 wounded Southerners were sent back to Hangchow on Monday morning, and that General Mang Chao-yuet has again left Hangchow for the front.

Another telegram states that Admiral Tu Shih-kwei, the Minister for the Navy in Peking, intends coming down South to direct naval operations against the Nationalists.

TRADE UNION LAW.

LABOUR AMENDMENT REJECTED.

London, Feb. 14.

The House of Commons by 313 votes to 135 has rejected the Labour amendment opposing the projected trade union legislation and has adopted the Address, replying to the Speech from the Throne.

The Labour members are not certain of the Government's intentions, but Mr. J. R. Clynes said that the proposed legislation was an unmistakable portent of further industrial conflict and internal unsettlement. It was a partisan measure designed to cripple organised Labour.

Sir Douglas Hogg (Attorney General) replying for the Government did not define the Government's intentions but said that when authorities like Sir Henry Slesser and Sir John Simon were diametrically opposed, regarding the legality of the general strike it was at least the duty of the Government to define the law and when certain Labourite speeches indicated that a responsible section of the trade union movement was preparing for and advocating another general strike it was a heavy responsibility on the Government to allow the preparations to continue without preparing to deal with or prevent it. —*Reuter.*

COURT PROBLEM.

DEAF AND ILLITERATE DEFENDANT.

The Central Police Court was confronted with a problem this morning, in the person of a defendant in an opium case, who was not only "stone deaf," as the Inspector stated, but was also completely illiterate and unable to read even one character.

However, Inspector Clark said that the man fully understood the offence, as he attempted to run away when searched by a constable. A brief effort having conveyed to the defendant the purport of the proceedings, the Court was relieved to obtain an affirmative nod of the head from the defendant, and the Magistrate proceeded to consider the question of penalty.

Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$500, or four months, but found that this step only gave rise to another problem—that of making the defendant understand the decision. Eventually his Worship remanded the defendant in police custody for twenty-four hours.

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LABOUR REVOLT.

CANTON LABOUR DECISION.

OBJECT TO ARBITRATION.

The authority of the Canton Government over the labouring classes is being tested, for yesterday the "Red" Labour Headquarters suddenly declared its refusal to appoint delegates to the Labour Commercial Arbitration Commission which was called into being by the Government to settle the dispute between the merchants and their employees over the question of dismissing foks on the second day of the lunar year.

The Commission.

As previously reported, the Government Commissioners, in replying to the petition of the merchants, declared that all the outstanding labour disputes would have to be settled by an Arbitration Commission consisting of Government and Kuomintang members, representatives from the Chambers of Commerce and the different labour bodies.

According to Government proclamations, all parties concerned were bound to respect any ruling of the Commission.

Merchants Meet.

On Monday, the Department of Labour issued an order inviting the Chambers of Commerce and the "Red" and "White" labour organisations each to send a representative to attend the first sitting of the Commission, which was fixed for this morning at the Labour Department's Office. Upon receipt of the order, the merchants held a conference and selected four delegates, representing the four Chambers of Commerce. They also formed a Society to hasten the settlement of the dispute.

Labour Decision.

The "Red" labour leaders, however, consider that any compromise between the labour class and the merchants will be unfavourable to themselves. They held an urgent executive meeting on Monday night and decided to use every effort to prevent the success of the arbitration scheme. The first step taken was to send a petition to the Government asking for a cancellation of the order forming the commission and also decided not to send any delegates to attend this morning's meeting.

Another Parade.

It was further resolved to hold another parade to-day or to-morrow to demonstrate their opposition to the arbitration scheme. The plan is to again march to the Government Headquarters to petition for the cancellation of the Government order creating the commission, which it is feared, will not be able to begin its sessions to-day as originally planned.

U. S. PRESIDENCY.

DR. BUTLER WILL NOT STAND.

New York, Feb. 14.

Dr. Butler, the President of Columbia University, created a stir in New York State Republican circles when he declared that he had no intention of being a candidate for Republican nomination in the Presidential election of 1928. —*Reuter's American Service.*

COLOMBO STRIKE.

UNDISCHARGED CARGO.

Colombo, Feb. 14.

One thousand harbour coolies are striking for a rise of wages, and an attempt is being made to bring out the coal coolies.

The s.s. Jervis Bay did not discharge her Colombo cargo as the crew refused to unload. —*Reuter.*

AUCTIONING LIKIN STATIONS.

NATIONALIST PLAN TO RAISE FUNDS.

TENDERS NOW ASKED.

As one way of raising money to finance the expensive administration in the Yangtze Valley, the Cantonese Nationalists at Hankow have decided to sell the likin stations in Hupeh province to the highest bidder, according to reports from Hankow.

The method proposed to dispose of the stations, which would give the highest bidder sole right to the tax collections for a certain period, is by public tender from merchants or other persons wealthy enough to make an offer, and courageous enough to take over the likin stations.

The last time the project was mooted the sale of them was to be by public auction, but this failed utterly—there being no bidders. Tenders are to be invited in sealed envelopes, and these were to be opened on February 7.

The tenders are required to designate the station wanted, and the amount the purchaser is willing to pay. On this occasion there is an added attraction inasmuch as after the purchase the new officer will, it is stated, have power to alter the dues from a copper currency to a silver one.

The project is now being discussed among the merchant body at Hankow and there seems small likelihood of a sale going through.

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The report of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., for the year ending 31st December, 1926, states:

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In accordance with the Articles of Association, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. H. Staples Smith retire from the Board of Directors by rotation but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews who offer themselves for election as auditors for 1927.

HULL RAILWAY DISASTER.

A DEATH ROLL OF EIGHT.

London, Feb. 14.

In the railway disaster near Hull, the death roll is officially stated to be eight. A considerable number of passengers were injured.

The collision was between an express and a local train. Seven carriages of the latter were telescoped. This train carried large numbers of schoolchildren, many of whom were among the injured. —*British Wireless.*

GOOD FOR THIEVES?

SCOTT'S EMULSION STOLEN.

Thieves removed two cases of "Scott's Emulsion" from a truck whilst it was left, unattended, outside Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company's offices yesterday. The theft has been reported to the police by Mr. Dick, Manager of the Imports and Exports Department of the firm.

REFUGEE TALES.

"SQUEEZING" RICH CHINESE.

HOSPITAL SHUT DOWN.

The list of refugees from the river ports who are evacuating the provinces of Hunan and Kiangsi, was swelled last week by 50, mainly British and Americans, when the I. C. S. Tuckwo arrived in Shanghai. Although the refugees, mostly missionaries, say that the situation is more or less the same as when the first batches left, some interesting stories were gathered from them.

Agitators Busy.

One of the most interesting of the stories came from Dr. J. R. B. Branch, the acting superintendent of the Yale-in-China Hospital in Changsha, who was the last person connected with that institution to leave Changsha after closing the hospital and handing it over to the hospital board. Dr. Branch says that the financial status of the hospital came to such a state that it was no longer possible to run it.

When the Cantonese first took over control of the district the agitators got busy at once and in a short time had their native staff organized into a union. Conditions became so bad and the demands of the staff so absurd that it was impossible to retain the staff and the number of patients whom they were able to take care of accordingly dropped off to practically nothing.

Hospital Closed.

Just before Dr. Branch came to Shanghai the nurses took possession of the nurses' home, from where they refused to move and they were in possession when he left. The Cantonese at the last moment saw the error of allowing the hospital to close, but, being unwilling themselves to finance it, it was necessary to close down. When, if ever, the hospital will reopen is only a matter of speculation.

Conditions in the college are just as bad, Dr. Branch says. The college has now been closed down for on to a month because the students have presented demands which could not possibly be acceded to. Among these demands was one which stated that a teacher in the school might be dismissed by a two-thirds vote of the student body while another was to the effect that a student could not be dismissed by the faculty until it had been passed on by the student body. At present Dr. W. J. Hall and Dr. D. H. Leavens are remaining in Changsha to take care of the property until the mission can determine what shall be done with it.

Troops Kill Officers.

Another interesting story was brought down by Mr. G. T. Blydenburgh of the Methodist Mission Hospital in Nanchang, Kiangsi, who arrived with Mrs. Blydenburgh and children on the Tuckwo. Mr. Blydenburgh said that during the China New Year holidays the garrison of Cantonese soldiers there became dissatisfied because they were being paid (when they were paid) in depreciated paper money instead of silver, as they were supposed to be. Headed by a group of agitators they revolted and killed several of their officers after which they began looting the shops. One section of the shop district was entirely burnt down as well as some of the barracks. Foreign food in the city is selling at a premium, when it is possible to get it at all. At the time of the Blydenburghs' evacuation the family had only a day's supply of food.

The Rich Victimized.

An official of an American business house in Kiangsi related how he had been threatened by one or two disgruntled employees who sent along blackmail letters warning.

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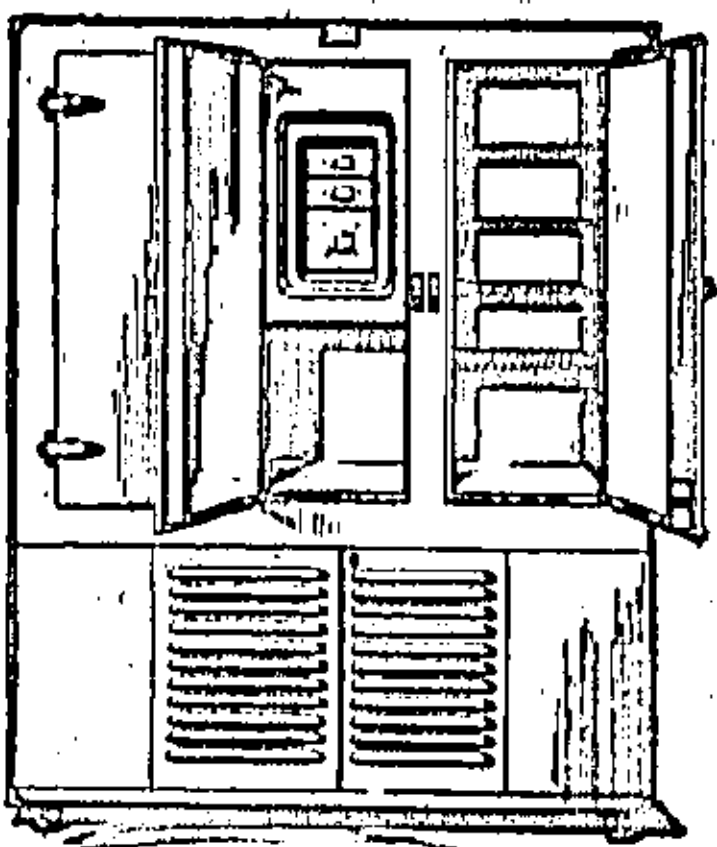
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LEAKY HOUSE.

CLAIM AGAINST HONGKONG ARCHITECT.

The acting Pains Judge (Mr. J. H. B. Nihili) heard a case in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon in which the Toss Company and the Buildings sued Mr. A. J. Lano, civil engineer and architect for \$145.50 for work done and materials supplied to a house at No. 4 Liberty Avenue, Homunlin.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong (Messrs. Demons) appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. F. G. Vaux (Messrs. Wilkin-son and Grist) for the defendant.

Mr. Armstrong, opening the case, said the work to the house was carried out at the request of the defendant, the material used being Texacoat, which was manufactured by the Toss Company for waterproofing tiles and cement concrete. In May of last year, the defendant approached the plaintiffs and asked for estimates for supplying two coats of Texacoat to the roof of No. 4 Liberty Avenue, Homunlin. After the premises had been inspected, an estimate was given which was accepted. This included the laying of some Canton tiles along part of the parapet of the roof, which was in disrepair, and the application of two coats of the preparation. It was provided that if the two coats did not prevent the water coming through the tiles and cement concrete, the plaintiffs would supply another coat free of charge, provided that this was for the tiles and not to any cracks which might develop due to a settlement of the building. The roof was a flat one.

The work was carried out towards the end of May last year, but it was not until after the very heavy rain in July that any question was raised by the defendant that anything was wrong with the job. Even then it was only a verbal complaint to the plaintiffs' manager. The first formal objection was contained in a letter written on August 10th.

Jerrybuilt Building.

The plaintiffs contended, Mr. Armstrong said, that the work contracted for was properly carried out in a workmanlike manner and that it was entirely due to the jerrybuilt nature of the building, that the roof was not made waterproof. Besides, the plaintiffs had offered to apply a further coat in accordance with their letter, but the offer was not accepted.

The Judge: Was it a part of the contract to put three coats on?

Mr. Armstrong: The Toss Company agreed to put a third coat on if the defendant could show that water had actually seeped through the tiles.

The Judge: You say that you are now prepared to put a third coat on if you are shown places where the roof leaks?

Mr. Armstrong: The plaintiffs have already agreed to put it on, and are prepared to do so now. Mr. Armstrong contended that the water leaked through the parapet and percolated underneath. No preparation could prevent that; it was the fault of the building itself.

Douglas George Scott, district manager in Hongkong of the Toss Company, giving evidence, described Texacoat as an asphalt paint used for preserving and waterproofing cement tiles and concrete. It had been on the Hongkong market for the last four or five years and was extensively used. He first heard after the contract work had been done that the roof was not watertight between the middle and end of July. He then pointed out that a complaint of this nature should have been sent in earlier. The first formal complaint was received by letter on August 10th.

Mr. Vaux, asked to indicate the defence, said the plaintiffs had contracted to make a thoroughly satisfactory job, and had not done so. There was no question of law; it was only a question of fact.

Mr. Armstrong: Then I gather my friend to say that stuff is no good?

Mr. Vaux: I am not going to give any expression of opinion on that. All I say is that in this case it has not been successful.

A Demonstration.

Mr. Scott demonstrated to the Court the effect of water on Canton tiles.

Asked his opinion of the house, the witness said: "My opinion is that the house is so shockingly constructed that water is coming in largely through the outer sides of the parapet walls. To put a roof on the house to keep it dry, is just the same as a man in a bathing suit wearing a Sou' Wester when it rains. He is bound to get wet."

Mr. Scott said that the flat roof was composed of Canton tiles pointed with cement. He had no idea what was underneath. The Canton tiles themselves would actually bear no great weight of water on top of them and were primarily used as a protecting cover. Underneath the Can-

ton tiles the roof should be invariably damp-proof.

The Judge: Unless it is covered with Texacoat.

Mr. Armstrong: What I understand the witness to say is that a weight of water on the roof would cause Canton tiles to crack unless the tiles are laid on a parapet roof and covered with some preparation.

Witness: Yes, Texacoat is not intended to make tiles waterproof, unless they are properly laid.

Mr. Armstrong: Your opinion of this house is that it is jerrybuilt and that the tiles are not right?

The witness agreed, adding that the roof was enclosed by a parapet, which, when he inspected it, was only in fair repair. It was possible for water to leak through the parapet and go right through.

Mr. Scott produced photographs showing cracks in the parapet, remarking: "Unfortunately these photographs were taken late in the afternoon and they do not do justice to the cracks." He had offered to put a third coat on, but this had not been accepted.

An Aggressive Firm.

In cross-examination, Mr. Vaux referred to certain conversations that had taken place between the witness and the defendant, and enquired: "One might say that you approached him instead of the other way round, is that right?"

Witness: Any aggressive firm does. The Judge: Then you are an aggressive firm.

The witness said that he should certainly expect the paint to last more than two months.

Mr. Vaux: Then why do you say the complaint should have been made before the end of July? Was it that the rain came and washed a certain portion away which was not set?

Witness: I said a complaint of that nature should have been lodged immediately. If goods are supplied to you short, you have to complain about it in a few days. Obviously a complaint coming a month or two after is not in order.

Questioned about the cracks, the witness said they were in the parapet and not in the roof. He could not say whether they were plaster cracks.

Re-examined, the witness said that to make a thoroughly satisfactory roofing job, the house required a new roof altogether. When he wrote the letter of the 6th May he hoped to make a satisfactory job by preventing the water coming through.

At the conclusion of Mr. Scott's evidence, Mr. Vaux submitted that he had no case to answer. The contract had not been completed.

After some argument, the case was adjourned until this afternoon, when further evidence will be called for the plaintiffs.



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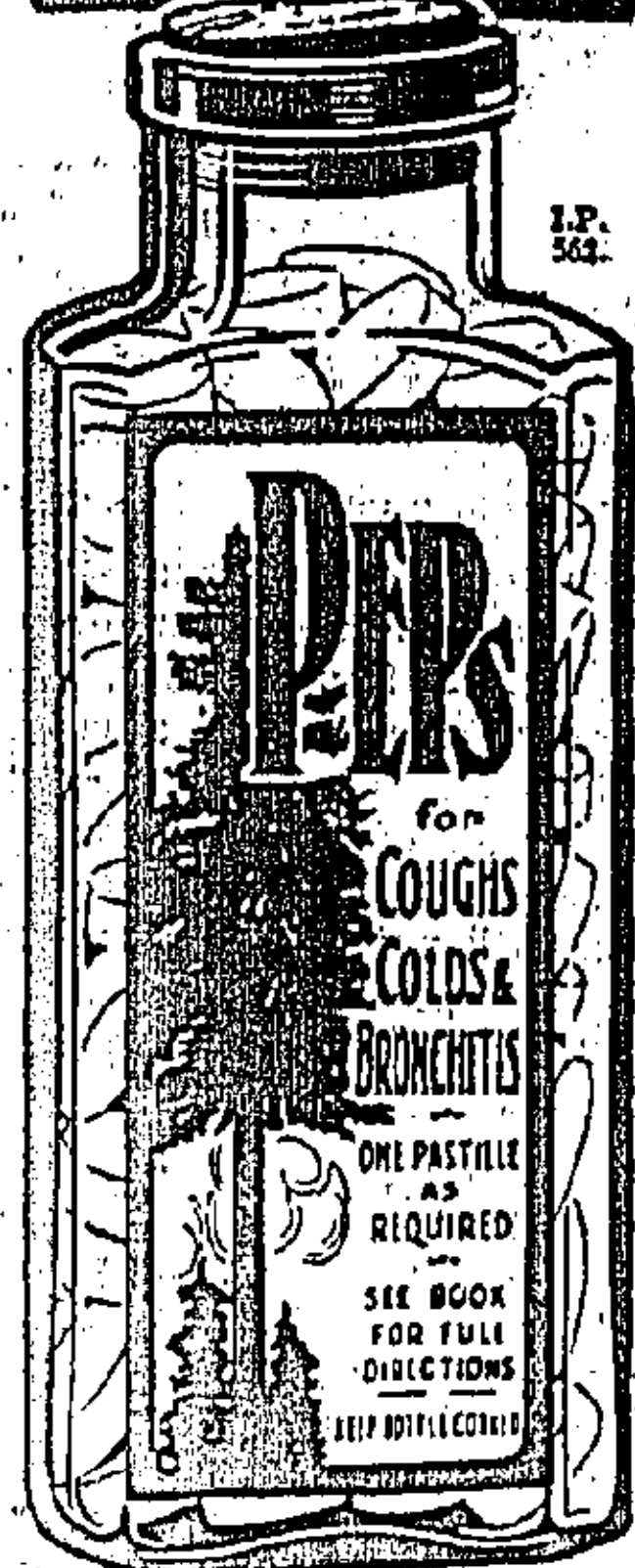
NEW TREATY URGED.

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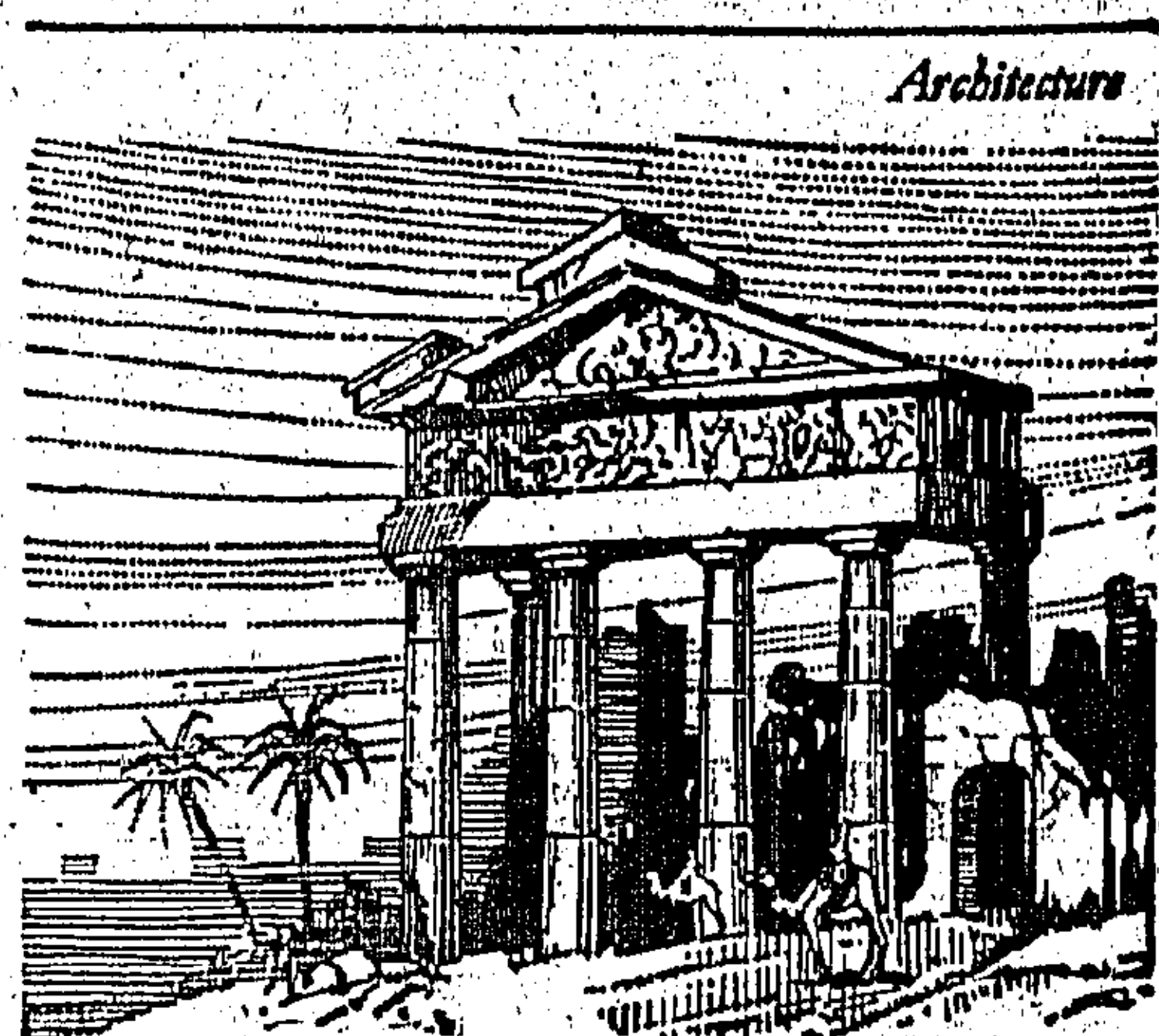
Chao Hsin-chu, in an interview, declared that he had authority to speak both for North and South China. While internal differences might exist, he said, "We are unitedly facing external problems affecting our sovereignty and status quo."

Chu also declared that if Britain made a peaceful gesture to China to the extent that the old treaty be denounced immediately and a new treaty on a basis of equality and reciprocity be immediately entered into, anti-British feeling would die out automatically.—Reuter.

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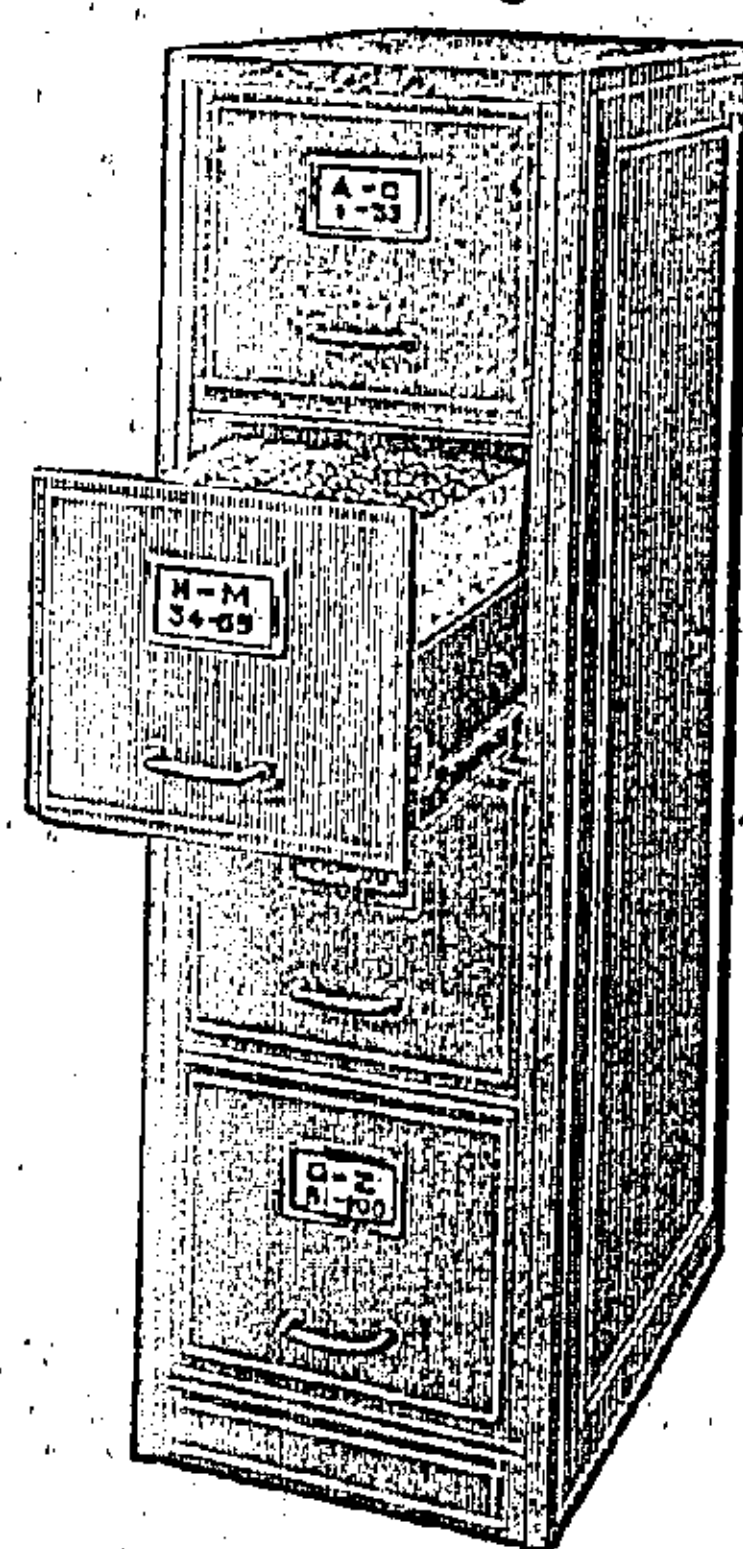
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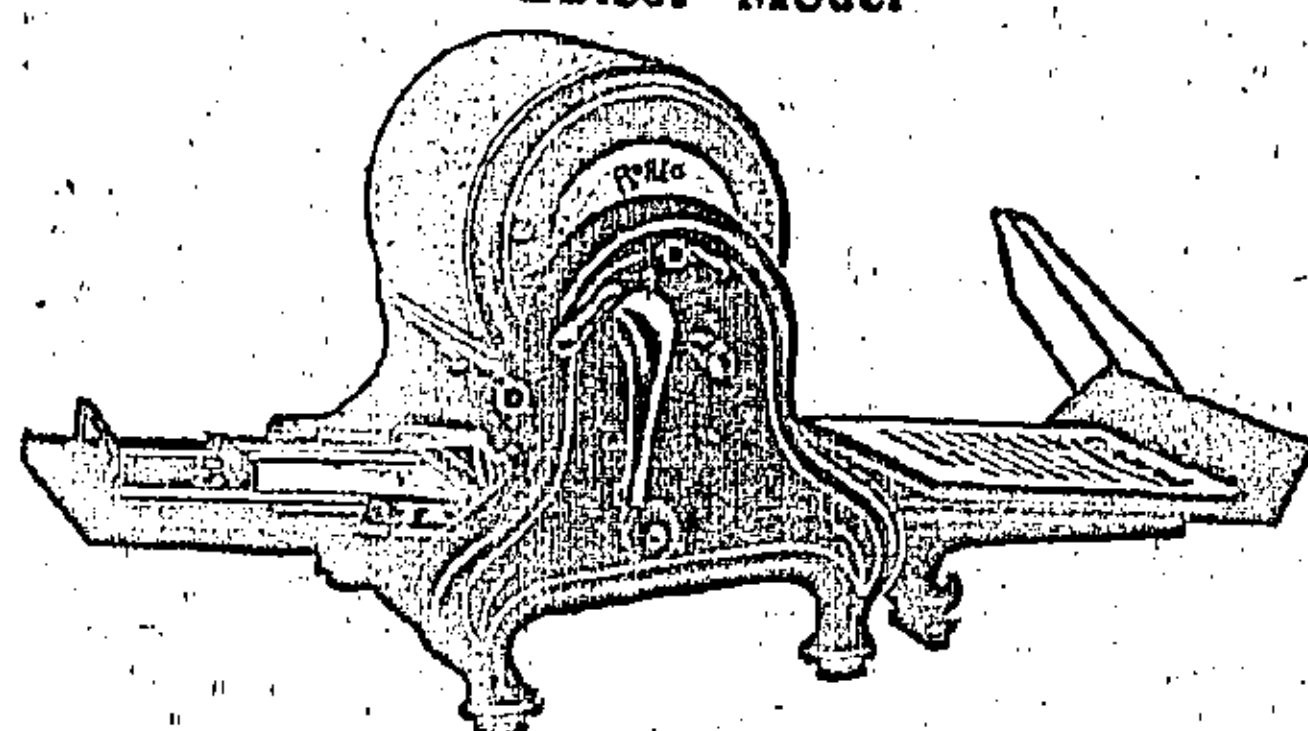
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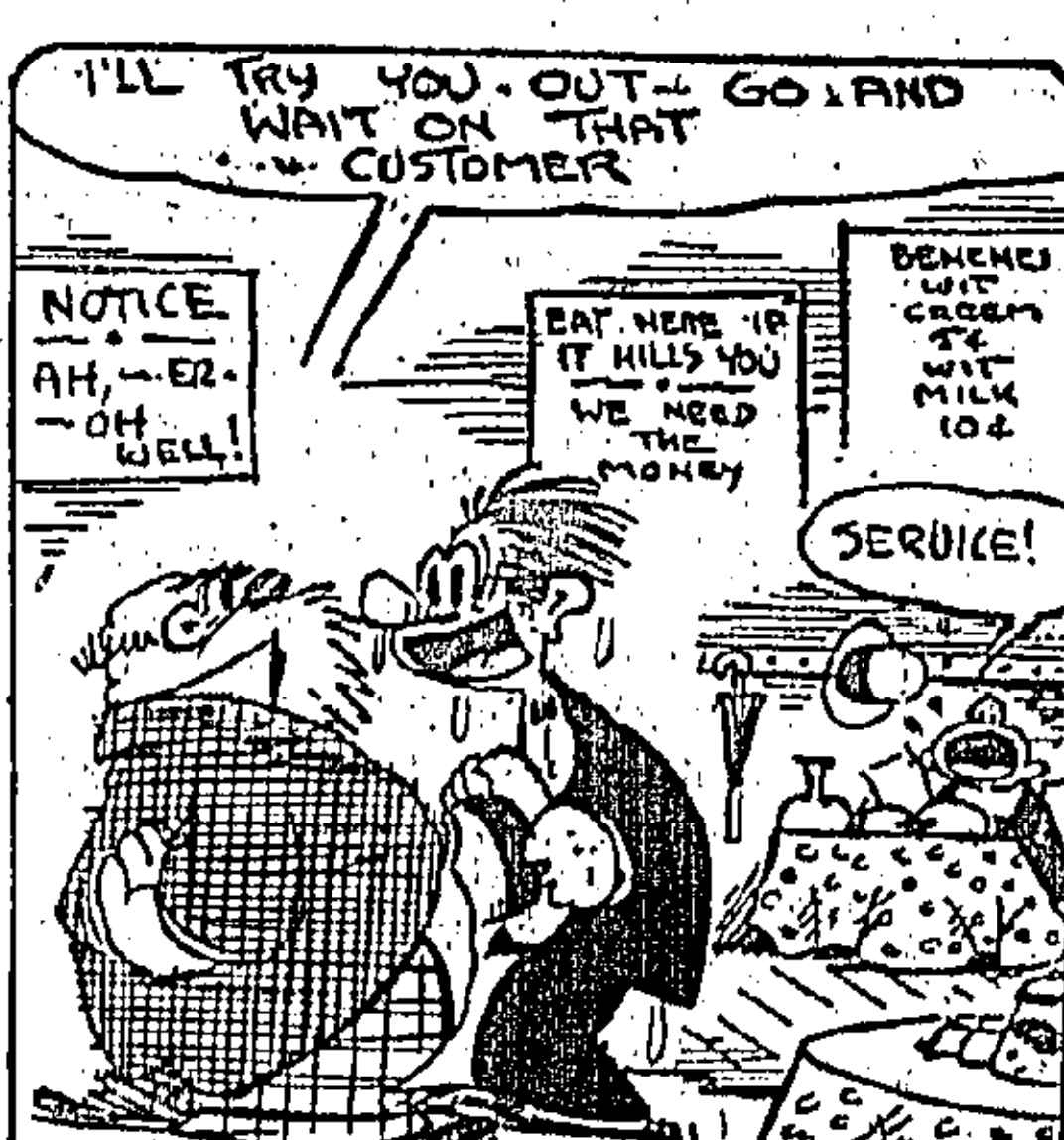
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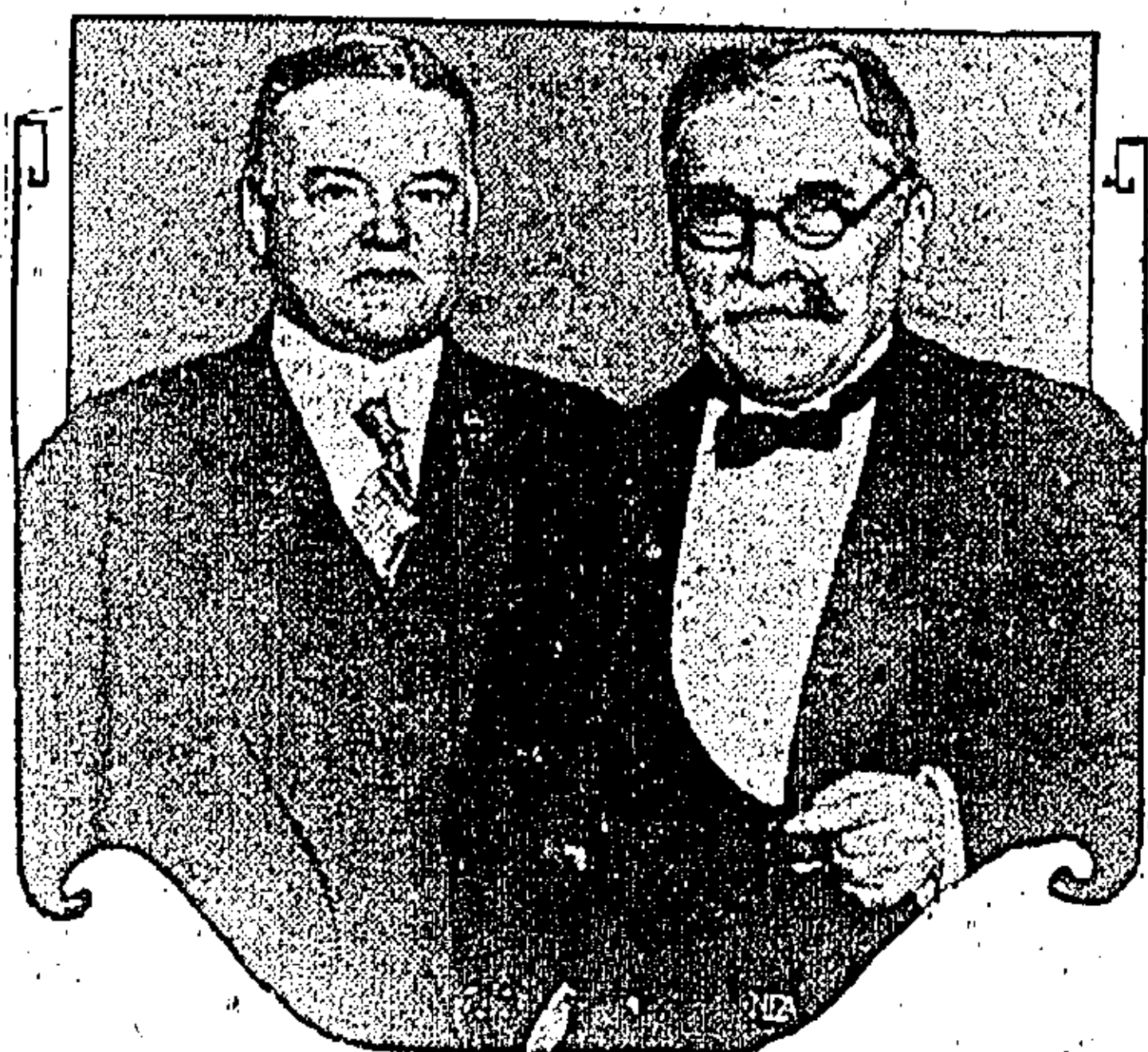
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ENGLAND VERSUS GERMANY.—The teams which met in friendly rivalry in the first round of the Prentice-Skottowe International Cup Competition on the Police football ground at the Race Course, Shanghai. England won by the comfortable margin of five goals to one, and should have been even further ahead. Germany owed a lot to the sterling defence put up by the backs and goalie. The Germans, though knowing they were not up to the standard of other national teams, such as England, Scotland, Portugal, and China, very sportingly entered an eleven in the competition.



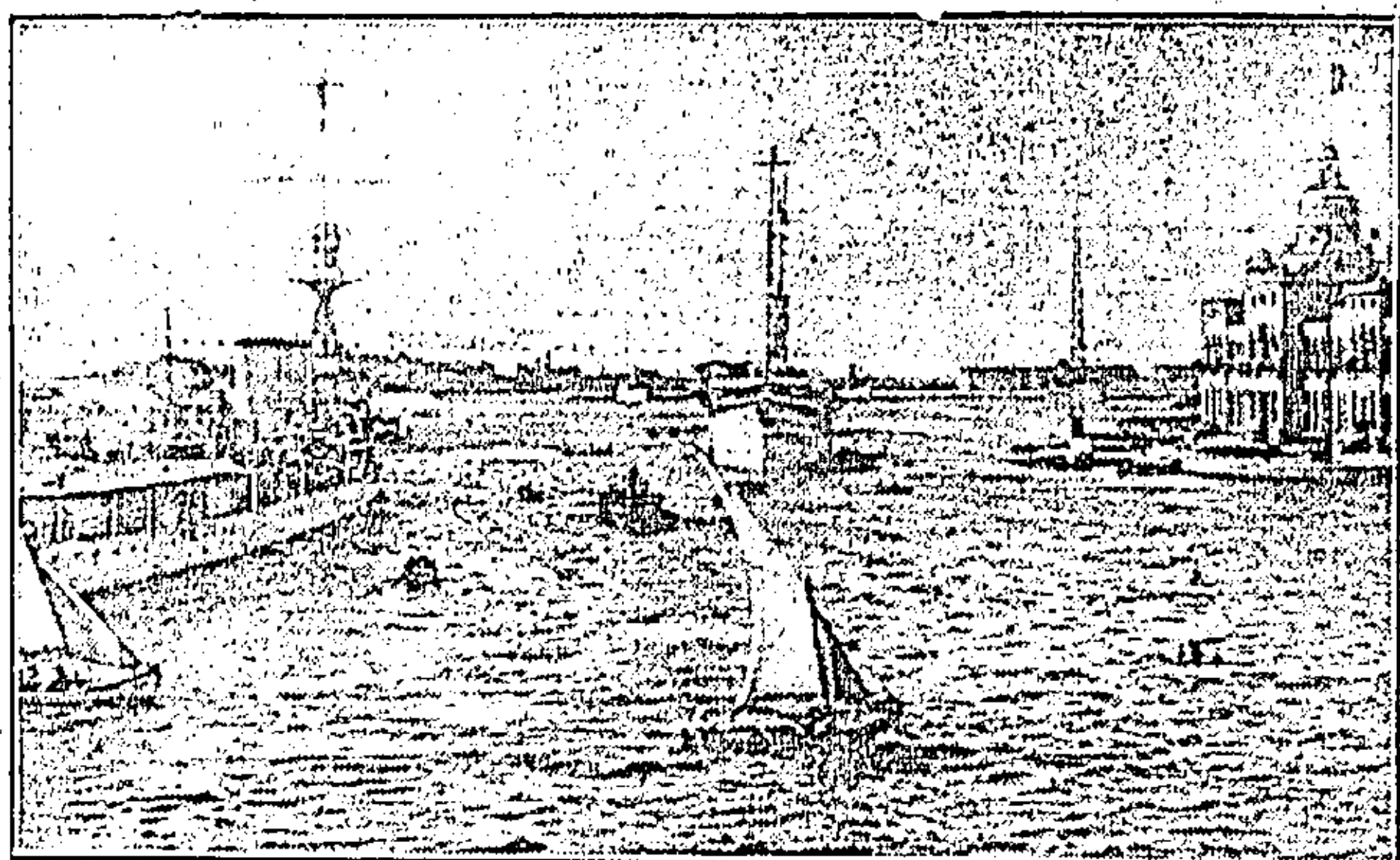
STORM CENTRE.—Cyrus E. Woods of Pennsylvania, former U. S. ambassador to Japan, is centre of the latest political storm in Washington. Appointed to the Interstate Commerce Commission, he is meeting the opposition of a large group of western and southern senators.



CONSPICUOUS AT SCIENTISTS MEETING.—Here are Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover and Professor Michael I. Pupin, of Columbia University, at the meeting in Philadelphia of the American Association for the advancement of Science.



PUNJABI ON NANKING ROAD.—In vanguard of the 5th Battalion of the 2nd Punjab Regiment, first British troops to arrive in Shanghai to defend the International Settlement, as they crossed the intersection at Thibet and Nanking Roads on the way to their billets at the Race Course.



THE INAUGURATION OF PORT FUAD.—The scene off Port Said at the inauguration by the King of Egypt of Port Fuad, the new town on the Asiatic side of the Suez Canal. H. M. S. Concord, with Lord Lloyd, the High Commissioner, on board, is seen taking up her position; the Mahroussa, with King Fuad on board, is moored in the centre in front of the Residency of the Suez Canal Company. (Times copyright.)



THE BICENTENARY OF GENERAL WOLFE.—The vicarage of Westerham, Kent, where General Wolfe, the victor of Quebec, was born two hundred years ago on January 2. (Times copyright.)



CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS OF U.S.S. SACRAMENTO.—Standing, left to right: Chief Pharm. Mate T. G. Moore, Chief Storekeeper E. A. McElhugh, Chief Elec. Mate B. C. Lanzo, Chief Water Tender Julius Hamester, Chief Radioman W. F. North, Chief Commissary Steward Leo M. Kenniff. Seated: Chief Quartermaster F. G. Atkinson, Chief Gunners' Mate J. O. Talbert, Chief Boatswain Mate W. L. Kane, Chief Mach. Mate W. T. Hartley. This picture was taken at Shanghai.



TU. HICANE SWEEPS MADEIRA.—It was on this yacht, the Physalia, that Mrs. Angela George, daughter of the Countess von Linden of Foxburrow, lost her life in the tidal wave and tempest which killed six on the Island of Madeira. So, or Manuel Humberto dos Passos Freitas, whose conviction on a charge of criminal libel stirred London last year, owns the vessel.

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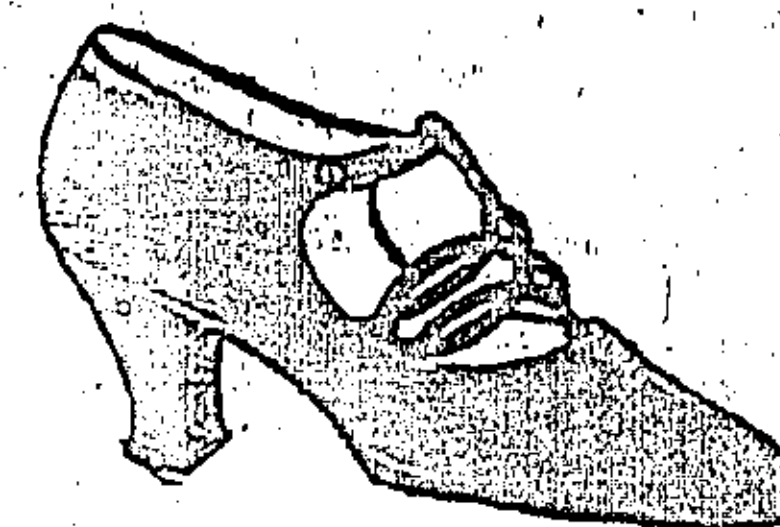
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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Eighth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 5th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1927.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hongkong Tramways Limited, will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the company, will be closed from TUESDAY, February 22nd to MONDAY, 27th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1927.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1927.

28th February, 1st, 2nd, and 5th March.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, February 26th, 1927, at a cost of \$10. each per day or \$30. for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4. per day—Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3. per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1. per day.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th February, 1927, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Monday, the 14th February to Saturday, the 26th February, 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of share can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 7th February, 1927.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The undermentioned Certificates for Shares in this Company have been declared LOST and if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof the documents are not forthcoming the said Certificates will be deemed CANCELLED and of no effect and new Certificates will be issued by the Company.

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Nos. 58710/58809.

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Nos. 149756/149905.

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General Managers,
Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1927.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Macao, 7th February, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.30 p.m. Saturday, February the 26th, 1927, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 19th February to Saturday, 26th February, 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of Board of Directors.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 11th February, 1927.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGES.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, February 14th, 1927, to Thursday, February 24th, 1927, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order

of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
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Shanghai		Nanning		February 15.
Shanghai		Porto		February 17.
Saigon		Pres. Wilson		February 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	.....	.....	.....	.....
Europe via Suez (letters and papers, London, Jan. 20, and parcels, Jan. 18.)	.....	Mongolia	.....	February 17.
Australia and Manila	.....	Tango Maru	.....	February 18.
Straits	.....	Hosang	.....	February 18.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	.....	Pres. Jefferson	.....	February 18.
Straits	.....	Nyanza	.....	February 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	.....	Shinyo Maru	.....	February 20.
Straits	.....	Kamo Maru	.....	February 21.
Japan and Shanghai	.....	Hakusan Maru	.....	February 21.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	.....	Emp. of Asia	.....	February 25.

OUTWARD MAILS.		For	Per	Date.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	.....	Sphinx	.....	Tues., Feb. 15. Registration... 1.45 p.m. Letters... 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 18th March.)
Wei-hai-wei	.....	Hupoh	.....	Tues., Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Amoy	.....	Laisang	.....	Tues., Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	.....	Taiqua Maru	.....	Tues., Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via Siberia (Letters and Post Cards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	.....	Empress of Russia	.....	Wed., Feb. 16. Parcels... 1.15 p.m. Registration... 1.45 p.m. Letters... 2.30 p.m. (Due Vancouver B.C. 6th March.)
Amoy	.....	Tsimanook	.....	Wed., Feb. 16, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	.....	Suisang	.....	Wed., Feb. 16. Parcels... noon. Letters... 1 p.m. (Due Marseilles 18th March.)
Batavia	.....	Tjibesar	.....	Wed., Feb. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C. and Europe via Siberia (Letters and post cards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	.....	Pres. McKinley	.....	Wed., Feb. 16. Parcels... noon. Registration... 2.45 p.m. Letters... 3.30 p.m. (Due Victoria, B.C. 7th March.)
Amoy	.....	Kwangtung	.....	Wed., Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Haiphong	.....	Mingsang	.....	Thurs., Feb. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia (Letters and post cards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	.....	Portos	.....	Thurs., Feb. 17, noon.
Sandakan	.....	Hinsang	.....	Thurs., Feb. 17, 12.30 p.m.
Straits	.....	Cremor	.....	Thurs., Feb. 17, 2 p.m.
Bangkok	.....	Chinhua	.....	Thurs., Feb. 17, 2 p.m.
Shanghai (Letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	.....	Mongolia	.....	Thurs., Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Heihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	.....	Menado Maru	.....	Fri., Feb. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Sourabaya	.....	Tjibeet	.....	Fri., Feb. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	.....	Hatching	.....	Fri., Feb. 18, noon.
Manila	.....	Pres. Wilson	.....	Fri., Feb. 18, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	.....	Delta	.....	Fri., Feb. 18, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	.....	Hosang	.....	Fri., Feb. 18, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	.....	Parcels	.....	18th, 5 p.m.
Japan	.....	Kalyan	.....	Sat., Feb. 19. Registration... 9.45 a.m. Letters... 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 10th March.)
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia (Letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	.....	Tango Maru	.....	Sat., Feb. 19, 9.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	.....	Nyanza	.....	Sat., Feb. 19, 10 a.m.
Formosa	.....	Namsang	.....	Sat., Feb. 19. Parcels... 1 p.m. Letters... 1 p.m. (Due San Francisco 21st March.)
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	.....	Glangarry	.....	Sat., Feb. 19, 3 p.m.
Manila	.....	Kaijo Maru	.....	Sun., Feb. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	.....	Pres. Jefferson	.....	Sun., Feb. 20, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, "Canada," "U.S.A., C. and S. America and "Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia (Letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	.....	Kiangsu	.....	Sun., Feb. 20, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Shinyo Maru		Tues., Feb. 22. Registration... 9.45 a.m. Letters... 10.30 a.m. (Due San Francisco 21st March.)
Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.				

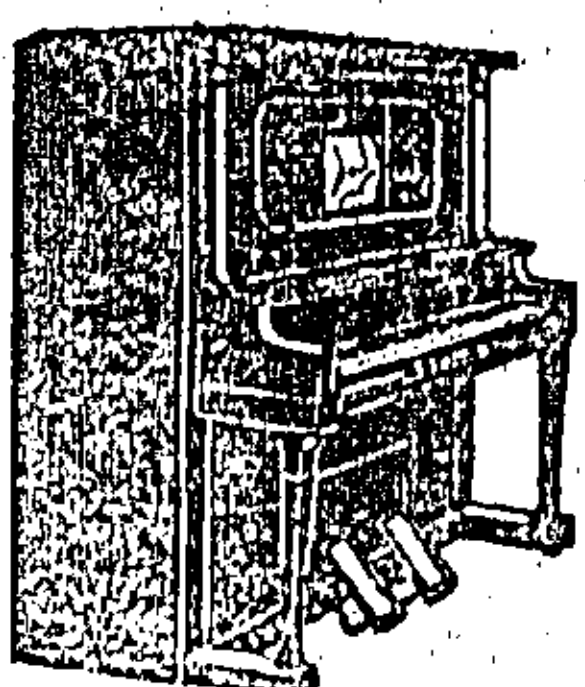
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PUBLIC HEALTH.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—For the benefit of those who, disgusted with the outcome of the debate at the Sanitary Board on Wednesday last, regarding the withdrawal of permits to new squatters, did not care to read a few columns of prose, allow me to recapitulate the proceedings as best as I can gather and infer from two of our daily newspapers.

The local Government, as part of the scheme for public improvements, resumes at an enormous cost, a low-lying village in very close proximity to a growing residential district of Kowloon Tong. The Sanitary Board, whose function is also to see that the Colony's supply of vegetables—fertilised by human excreta—does not run short, grants permits to cultivate the land regardless of the disastrous consequences to the vicinity and knowing too well the inveterate habits of local farmers. The Kowloon Tong residents, unable to stand the stench of decomposing human faeces and the swarms of flies infesting the place, request Mr. Braga to take the matter up before the Sanitary Board.

Mr. Braga, convinced that the Sanitary Board is not playing the game, strongly appeals to it to revoke the permits granted to the new squatters, on the ground that the dung-heaps used for manure are potential breeding places of flies—the worst known carriers of disease—and the cesspools the reservoirs of typhoid and dysentery germs.

Mr. Braga finishes by warning the Sanitary Board that a duty is imposed on it to recommend measures to remove the likely sources for the spread of epidemics. Dr. Ho enthusiastically seconds the motion. He does not think its adoption is going to work any hardship considering that the squatters—one of whom hails from Cheung Sha Wan—do not enjoy any prescriptive rights and number only three or four, whereas the subscribers to the Kowloon Tong building scheme are 250 of which 210 are Chinese.

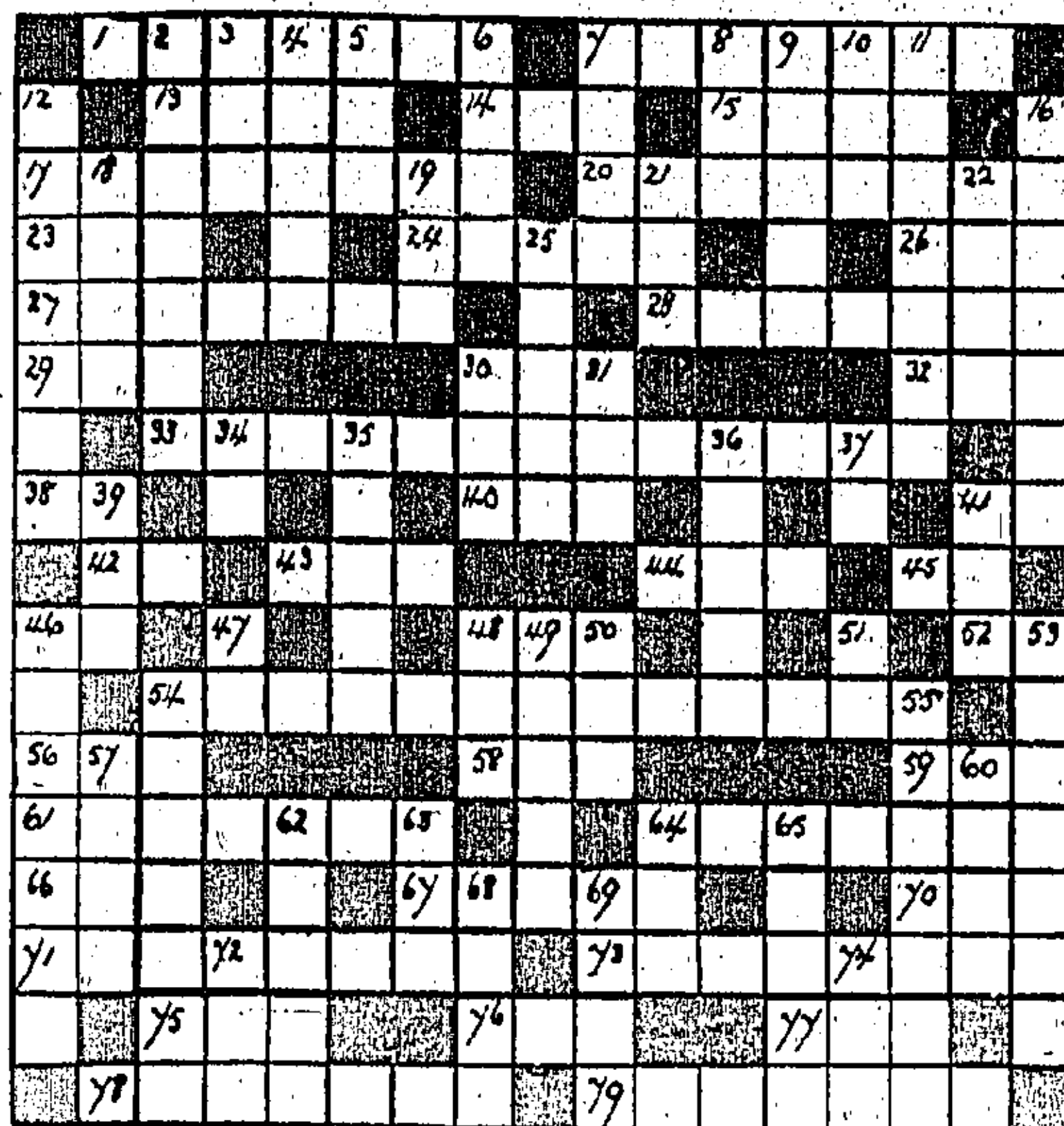
Dr. Pope, M.O.H., objects to the cesspools as noisome, and emphasises that manure in any shape or form should not be brought in such close proximity to any residential area. Lieut.-Col. Boylan Smith supports the motion. The convenience of squatters should not be put before the question of public health. Such people as these would not give up their old habits, and manure is very dangerous and cannot be brought with any safety within range of human dwellings.

Now comes the turn of the protector, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin. "Never mind" (he says in effect) "if the farmers have no prescriptive rights. They may have come from Cheung Sha Wan. We admit that they have defied us by constructing cesspools, but we must protect them. Let the Government resume the objectionable villages, we will resurrect them in a new form with the new permits. The Board has a higher function to perform."

It must see that no farmer starves, and though we brought them we must see that the Government supplies them with means for their livelihood. He can solve the intricate problem. With paternal solicitude he suggests putting a layer of earth on top of the manure. Let the Inspectors of the Board, under whose very noses the cesspools were built, instruct the farmers, and, if need be, we who—in spite of a long period of incubation after notice of the motion had been given—had found no time to visit the site, shall supervise the work.

Lo, here comes the D.P.W. Ho is in sympathy with Mr. Braga's

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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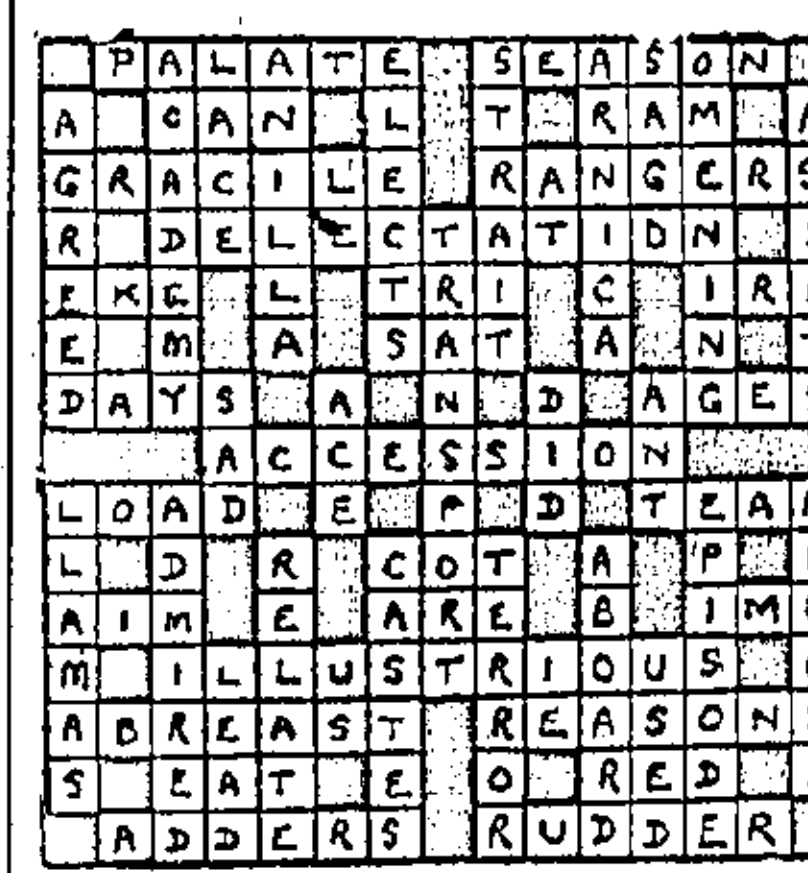
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- 7 Exhibit.
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- 14 Wrath.
- 15 Mineral substances.
- 17 Immensity.
- 20 Moderate degree.
- 23 Sooner than.
- 24 Active.
- 26 An age.
- 27 A convent.
- 28 Stretches.
- 29 Prefix meaning one.
- 30 Consume.
- 32 Starting point in golf.
- 33 Ratifications.
- 38 Thus.
- 40 Serpent.
- 41 Like.
- 42 Shows denial.
- 43 Woe.
- 44 Crowd.
- 45 Above and touching.
- 46 Pronoun.
- 48 Tailless monkey.
- 62 You.
- 64 Pertaining to a subject of an Emperor.
- 66 Limb.
- 68 Edge.
- 69 Brand.
- 61 Instrument for toasting.
- 84 Short poem.
- 86 Old woman.
- 67 Frequently.
- 70 End.
- 71 Distinction.
- 73 Humble.
- 75 Negative prefix.
- 76 An era.
- 77 A Scotch county.
- 78 Makes red.
- 79 Vind of a termination.

Down.

- 2 Poison.
- 3 Speck.
- 4 Famous author.
- 5 Single.
- 6 Affectionate salutation.
- 7 Half.
- 8 Turf.
- 9 Impress.
- 10 Fifth sign of the zodiac.

- 11 Rises.
- 12 Walks.
- 16 Thursdays.
- 18 Arundel's river.
- 19 Speak.
- 21 Before.
- 22 Travelling on horse-back.
- 25 Public vehicles.
- 30 A period.
- 31 Strike lightly.
- 34 Correlative of either.
- 36 Mere show.
- 38 Images.
- 37 Negative.
- 39 Closely united.
- 41 One indefinitely.
- 46 Pagan.
- 47 Afternoon.
- 48 Atmosphere.
- 49 To colour.
- 50 A tree.
- 51 A call.
- 53 Free from any duty.
- 54 Conceal in thought.
- 55 Those who drive carts.
- 57 Wander.
- 60 A waggon.
- 62 Extend.
- 63 Bird of Arabian fable.
- 64 Point of the compass.
- 65 Standard of perfection.
- 68 Recompenses.
- 69 Eagle.
- 72 Bow the head slightly.
- 74 Cereal plant.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



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Thus ended the greatest farce enacted in modern times. The proceedings will surely be handed down to posterity as a unique example of the activities of our Sanitary Board. In the meantime the squatters' settlement is flourishing. The cesspools, instead of going 200 yards back, are spreading the classic aroma of liquified faeces and the vegetation is skirting the main road.—Yours, etc., SALUS POPULI SUPREMA LEX.

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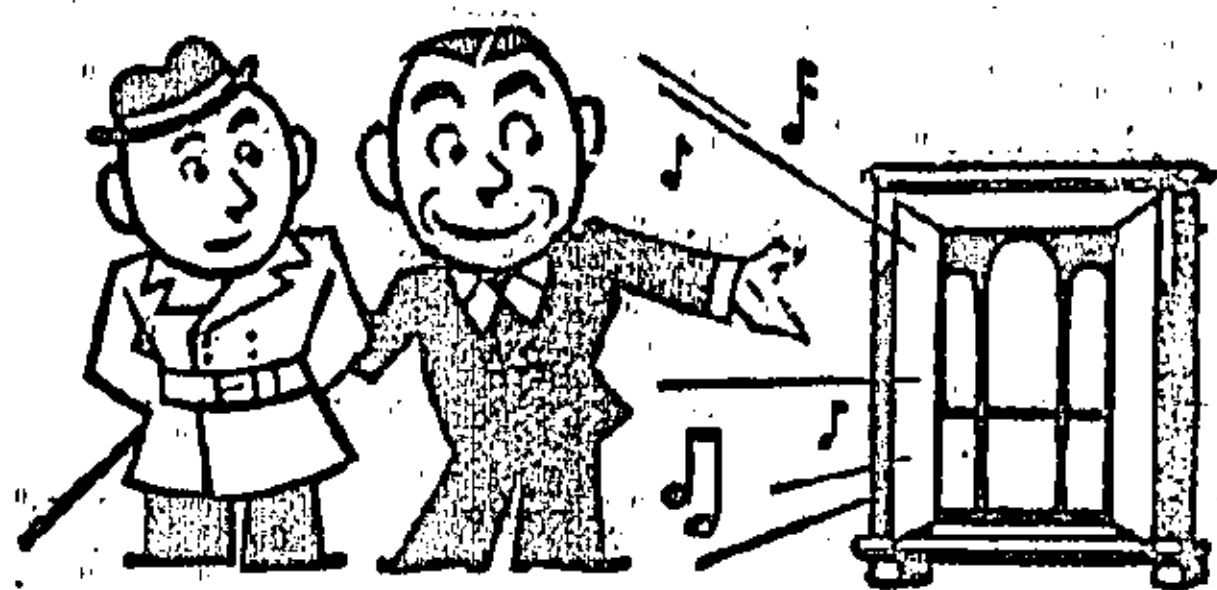
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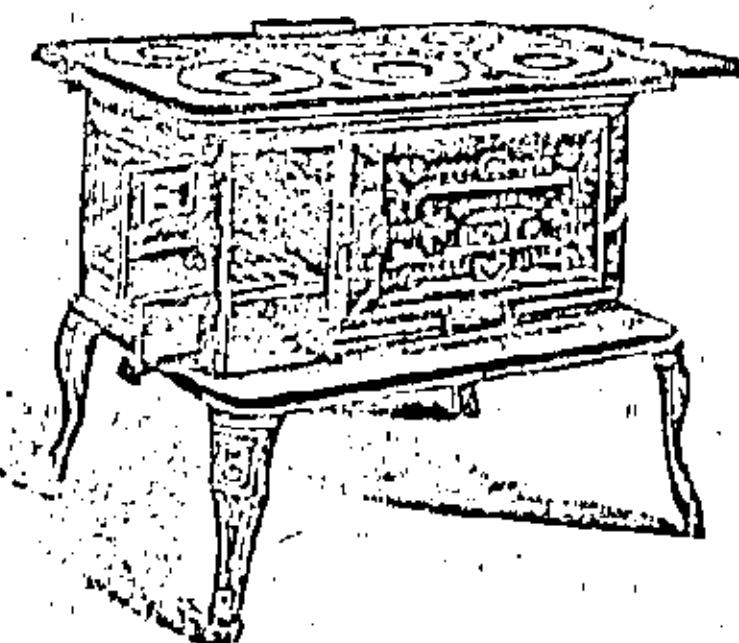
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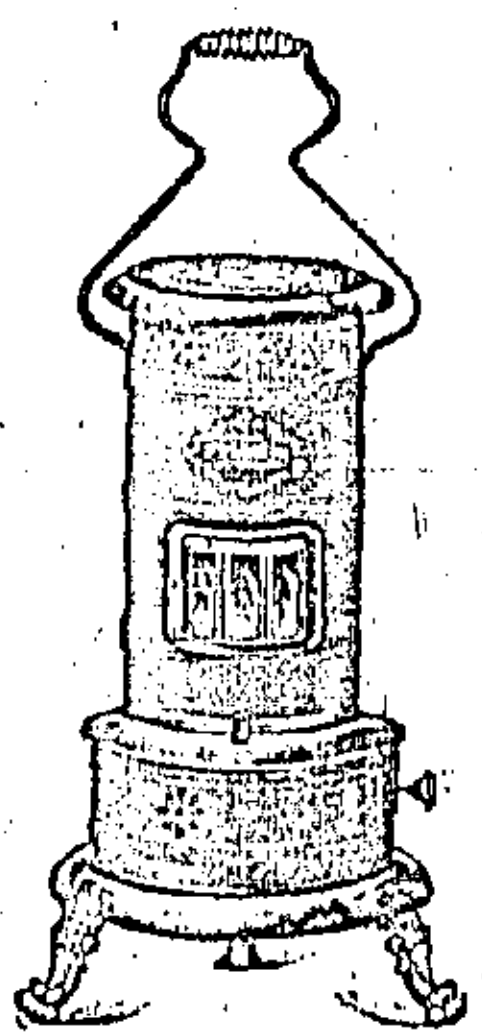
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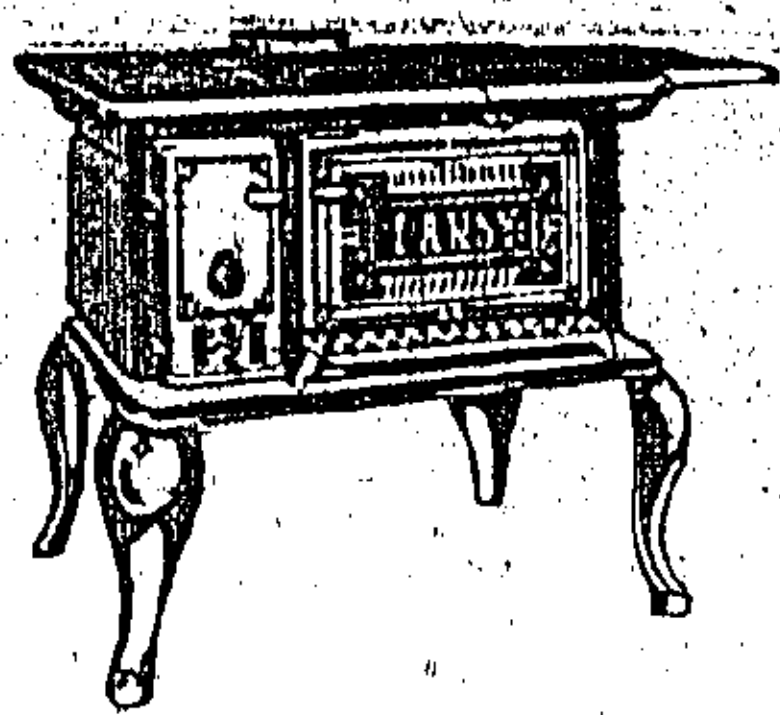
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DEATH.

EDWARDS.—On February 12th, at Bangkok, Robert Campbell Edwards, of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1927.

TRADE UNION LAW.

Late papers arriving from Home are freely sprinkled with references to the impending introduction of legislation by the Conservative Government to further control the Trade Unions and, bearing out what was said in this column on the subject last week, there are many forebodings of serious industrial trouble ahead if the Government persists in its attempt—*bona fide* and worthy though that attempt might be, Mr. Arthur Henderson, than whom there are few more moderate men in the whole of the Labour movement, has said that legislation, such as the Government was being pressed to undertake, would be "not only a political blunder, but a fatal mistake." It would be looked upon, he said, as a serious challenge to the trade union movement. "It would be regarded as class legislation of the worst type, and could only be described as a profound error of judgement, as it would certainly have a serious effect on the restoration of our social life." And almost at the same time, in another part of the country, Sir Douglas Hogg, the Attorney General, was saying that trade union legislation was a vital necessity. "I have no doubt," he said, "that we are in for a difficult, prolonged and it may even be a bitter fight; and most people are beginning to see that the contemplated legislation might very easily have the effect of destroying the present probability of improved relations between Capital and Labour, in dividing society sharply and bitterly along class lines and in strengthening extremist agitation. Many of the serious journals are arguing that the Government, in tackling this question of revising trade union law, is on the point of committing a grave error of statesmanship. That view is based on the following review of the position:

There is no doubt that the present position of the trade union law is full of anomalies and the

Trade Disputes Act offends the sense of propriety of every lawyer. The funds of a trade union are immune from actions for tort, and the Act gives an immunity to trade union officials in the sharpest possible conflict with the general principles of English law. The legal sanction given to "peaceful persuasion" is tantamount to legalisation of intimidation. Trade Unions are possessed of a formidable power which they have wielded other than wisely "and it should be laid down in the Statute-book that the general strike is an illegal crime against the State." Such are the arguments of those who urge revision, not because of hostility to trade unions, but because they want to remove glaring anomalies. The arguments for the other side are not so definite. The trade union world has a distrust of law revision, no matter how fairly framed. Trade unionists admit there are anomalies in the law, but it must be remembered that trade unionists are shy of litigation because they remember the Taff Vale Judgment and the Osborne Judgment which they regarded (rightly, or wrongly) as flagrant miscarriages of justice. They do not want the Unions subject to litigation because they distrust litigation. And they will believe, no matter how many assurances to the contrary are given, that the Government is taking away some of their necessary protection if it removes their immunity from litigation. If this law revision is proceeded with, the rank and file of organised workers will be more disposed to listen to the agitators who are telling them that the Government and the employers are in a conspiracy to break the power and reduce the standard of living of the working classes. Would it not be better to leave the present anomalies alone and aim to build up a constructive system of co-operation? The new year began hopefully that the great disputes of 1926 were being forgotten, but they will be revived, and intensified in 1927 if the Government is not careful. For this reason we are inclined (on the ground of expediency) to favour Mr. Arthur Henderson's appeal to leave the trade union law alone—at least for the present.

"A Disastrous Sham."

In the course of an article dealing with Marshal Chang Tso-lin's recent manifesto, the *North China Daily News* has some interesting remarks to make on the danger of negotiating with Mr. Eugene Chen and his associates. These are particularly apposite in view of to-day's news from Hankow. The journal named says that to give any material support to Marshal Chang would be contrary to Britain's policy of neutrality, but suggests that the time has come for the Powers to consider closely whether they are not actually and demonstrably helping the South. "Every time the 'Nationalist' Government is mentioned without the necessary quotation marks that indicate the falsity of the name," says our contemporary, "its prestige is raised a little bit higher. Every interview granted by foreign envoys to a representative of that 'Nationalist' Government, gives it fresh 'face'. The whole attitude of the Powers to the Hankow party helps to perpetuate a disastrous sham and to bolster up the authority of an utterly alien and un-Chinese conspiracy, the existence of which is already ruining whatever parts of China it has touched and will destroy still more unless it is speedily stamped out." These are pointed observations, but they are based on a recognition of the truth of the situation. In no real sense of the term are Mr. Eugene Chen and his colleagues a National Government. Unhappily, the outside world thinks otherwise, thanks largely to the adroitly-worded manifestoes of Mr. Chen and the Russian-inspired propaganda which has had the effect of induc-

DAY BY DAY.

POWER OBEYS REALITY AND NOT APPEARANCES; POWER IS ACCORDING TO QUALITY, AND NOT QUANTITY.—Emerson.

Yesterday, three cases of small-pox and one of diphtheria were notified. All were Chinese.

The B.I. s.s. Talma is to leave Amoy on Saturday and is due here on Sunday.

The Lalsang, arriving from Singapore with 973 deck passengers, reports the death of one from natural causes.

Pleading that he was only a carrier, a Chinese arrested on the waterfront yesterday was fined \$20, or two months, on a charge of possession of two taels of Wuchow opium.

Twelve vessels arrived and ten departed during the twenty-four hours up to nine o'clock this morning; the British figures being four of each. The total number of ships in harbour was 70.

A warning received from the Manila Observatory at noon to-day states that there is a typhoon north-west of Yap, moving north-west.

A Chinese telegram from Shanghai states that Mr. Liang Shih-yi, known as "The God of Wealth," is again mentioned as likely to succeed Mr. Wellington Koo and to form a new Cabinet.

Two unemployed coolies, who were found on board the Empress of Scotland without permission, were each fined \$15, or fourteen days, by Lieut. Commr. G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning.

It is going to be foggy later, according to to-day's weather forecast issued by the Royal Observatory for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow. The local forecast is: "North-east or variable winds, light; generally fair, fog later."

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: Nanning, Porthos, Mongolia, Hsiao, Tanco Maru, Menado Maru, Borneo, Changte, Helikon, Haihong, Swale, Klungchow, Tjikandi, Franken and Keshun Maru.

The health return for the past week shows four cases of small-pox (three fatal), five fatal occurrences of typhoid and one non-fatal case of puerperal fever. The last-named sufferer was a Chinese and all the rest Chinese, excepting one Indian case of small-pox.

UNINVITED VISITORS.

MAN CAUGHT AFTER CHASE.

Noticing a man moving surreptitiously about his garden shortly before midnight yesterday, a Chinese farmer residing in one of the villages near Kowloon Tong became suspicious and went to make investigations. The kitchen door was seen to have been opened, and, on going inside, the farmer was seized by another man who was in the kitchen.

The alarm was raised and the man's wife went to his assistance. In trying to rescue her husband from the intruder, the woman was stabbed on her left hand. The uninvited visitor then ran away and was chased by the householder's son. After pursuing the man for about a quarter of a mile, two villagers who had joined in the chase caught the fugitive and handed him over to the police.

The man first seen in the garden made good his escape. The arrested man was charged before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with (1) causing grievous bodily harm; (2) unlawful possession of a knife; (3) being found without any visible means of subsistence; and (4) being a rogue and vagabond. The defendant was remanded until to-morrow afternoon.

ing so many foreign observers to take the "Nationalists" at their own valuation. The plain truth is that the so-called Nationalists are in no position to speak for the whole of China, and the knowledge of that fact should temper any disappointment felt over the failure of the latest Hankow negotiations. At last we get back to realities.

"KOCHOW" CASE.

LAST ACCUSED NOW DISCHARGED.

Twenty men having been discharged on account of the lack of sufficient evidence proving their connection with the arms found under suspicious circumstances on board the West River steamboat Kochow, the police were compelled to withdraw the case against the last of the accused at the Central Magistracy this morning. The position, as explained by Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, was that there was not sufficient evidence on which they could proceed against the remaining accused on a charge of possession.

Mr. Lindsell accordingly discharged the accused, but ordered the eleven revolvers and a quantity of ammunition, found in a basket of eggs, to be confiscated.

The case was one which had received a great deal of attention from the police authorities, as the circumstances pointed strongly to a contemplated piracy having been nipped in the bud through prompt action taken by the police following a report received from the ship's comrade and officers. The former had remarked on the unusual circumstances of Hakkas and Hoklos purchasing first-class passages on the steamer, having regard also to the general poverty of their attire, their comparative scarcity of personal luggage, and their buying of tickets in two's and three's.

Twenty-one Hakkas and Hoklos were taken from the Kochow and detained for examination at the Central Police Station, and failing the substantiation of a more serious charge, were produced before the Magistrate on a charge of possession of the arms. On account of certain technical difficulties presented in the case, even this alternative charge had to be withdrawn, as indicated above.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

QUESTION OF TRADE RELATIONS.

London, Feb. 14. A number of questions were asked in the House of Commons about British relations with Russia.

One was whether any communication had passed between the Soviet Republic and the Foreign Office on the subject of China?

Mr. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied in the negative.

A Conservative Member asked for a statement regarding the present position between this country and Russia in regard to Russia's obligations under the Trade Agreement to abstain from hostile propaganda.

Mr. Locker-Lampson replied that there had been no change since the situation was last discussed in the House, but the Government were keeping the matter under review. There was ample evidence of hostile propaganda by the Soviet Authorities against this country and he had often complained to the Soviet representative here of such breaches of the Trade Agreement.

Mr. A. M. Samuel, Secretary for Overseas Trade, stated that, roughly speaking, this country sold to Russia in 1925 goods worth about £19,000,000 and in 1926 goods worth about £14,500,000. British figures of trade with Russia were down all round.—*British Wireless.*

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Feb. 14.

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Vienna	34.424
Helsingfors	1924
Lisbon	2.18/32
Rio	5.27/82
Bombay	1/094
Hongkong	2/0
New York	4.854
Geneva	25.21
Milan	1124
Stockholm	18.18
Oslo	18.85
Prague	1634
Madrid	23.84
Athens	3744
Buenos Aires	43.31/32
Shanghai	2/04
Yokohama	2/01/44
Silver (spot)	26.7/10
Silver (forward)	26.7/10

—*British Wireless.*

The Very Idea!

An old maiden lady, who was removing to another house, went to a carting contractor to get a horse and lorry to convey her furniture to her new abode.

She was very particular about the kind of man she wanted to handle her belongings, and finally asked, "Could you not send a man who is a tee-taller?"

The contractor scratched his head in perplexity for a moment, and then, brightening up, he replied, "Weel, no, Miss, I cannae do that. But I'll tell ye what I'll dae. I'll send ye a man ye cannot fill fu."

The operator got bawled out for loading. That was wrong. For anybody knows that she keeps plugging all day long.

Sun baths as treatment for nervous complaints are becoming so popular that the leading hotels in Mayfair have installed several. Artificial sunlight is switched off automatically so the tenant of the room can fall asleep while having his sun bath and suffer no ill effect.

Nottinghamshire judge (to a musician who owed £1,000): Compose jazz, and you will soon pay it off.

Willowden woman: What can I do about a railway porter living in the flat above me, who bangs doors all the time he is in the house?—Magistrate: Force of habit, I suppose. I don't think the court can do anything.

A monument, dedicated to the memory of a hog is the latest contribution to the art of Leunburg. Carved from durable granite, an unusually fat and well-groomed swine now stands guard at the entrance to the local salt-mine.

The owner of the original hog, from which this model was hewn, owes his fortune to the immortalized animal. Five years ago, while seeking food, the hog led its master to a salt deposit, which later proved to be the surface of a valuable mine.

In a railway carriage a youth, had disturbed and annoyed all the other passengers by loud and foolishly-made remarks during a great part of the journey.

As they passed a big lunatic asylum, he remarked—"I often think how nice the asylum looks from the railway."

"Oh, cheer up," growled an old gentleman, "some day you will probably have occasion to remark how nice the railway looks from the asylum!"

The London policeman is the finest example of a Christian I have met; he will answer any foolish question that any fool asks him.—Dr. Norwood.

In the class-room:—Johan of Arc was rather pious and very gentle.

Pompeii was overwhelmed by Saliva from the Vatican. "Pax in bello" is freedom from indignation.

A cuckoo is a bird which lays the eggs of other birds in its own nest.

The van of an army is the vehicle with a red cross on it.

A little boy had been absent a whole day from school, and the teacher next morning sent him home to get an excuse from his mother. Presently he came running back and handed the paper to his teacher. It read as follows:—"Dear Teacher,—Please excuse Tommy from being away yesterday. He got wet in the A.M. and had to be dried in the P.M."

Propped up on pillows at his window, Fred Holland, 80, a bedridden sporting farmer, recently bade farewell to the bounds he had followed for years. A special meeting of the huntman was arranged at his home in Leicester after he had expressed the desire to see the dogs for the last time.

Manager—"Are you the manager of this office?" Clerk—"N—no, sir." Manager—"Then don't act like a drivelling idiot."

HOKLO "CAVEMAN."

MARITAL TROUBLES AIRE
IN COURT.

A Hoklo couple from Pokfulam Road took their marital troubles into Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court this morning, when a charge of assault, brought by the woman, drew some bitter comments from the defendant.

He said his wife was possessed of a sharp tongue, was extremely garrulous over trifling matters, pawned her clothing and jewellery without his consent, and in many similar ways asserted her domination over the household. She did not even hesitate to strike him.

Repudiating these suggestions, the woman said that her husband leant too ready an ear to the evil counsels of his elder brother and drove her from home yesterday. He threw her violently to the ground and struck at her head.

His Worship bound over both parties to keep the peace for six months.

ARMS SEIZURES.

TWO WOMEN REMANDED.

Two seizures of arms made during the week-end by Revenue Officers, were mentioned before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when the mistresses of two cargo boats were charged in respect of arms and ammunition which were found on their boats.

Against the first of the two women charged was brought an indictment of unlawful possession of four revolvers and 700 rounds of ammunition. Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the defence.

The second woman, who was defended by Mr. L. D. Turner, was charged with possession of 12,000 rounds of ammunition.

Chief Preventive Officer Clarke prosecuted, and the defendants were both remanded till Friday afternoon.

COMMUNISTS IN
AMERICA.

A BIG FALLING OFF.

New York, Feb. 14.

According to a Survey of American Communism, issued by the Rand School of Social Science, there are now only about 6,000 members of the Communist Party of America, as compared with 35,000 in 1919. The Survey reveals that the man chosen in 1920 by "the underground group" of the party to represent American Communists at a secret session of the Third International said to have been held in Amsterdam, turned out to be in the pay of both Scotland Yard and the United States' Department of Justice. *Reuter's American Service.*

SWATOW LACE TRADE.

STRIKE COMES TO AN END.

Workpeople employed at Swatow in connection with the embroidered work and lace trade having now returned to the factories, the strike which caused much trouble there, has come to an end on the employers making certain concessions demanded by the strikers.

It was feared that the strike would seriously effect the business of Hongkong shops which cater principally to tourists wants, but the trouble having been overcome by the early resumption of factory activities, managers of these shops now state that supplies are ample.

TO DRAFT DEFINITION.

WHAT ARTICLE ELEVEN
MEANS.

London, Feb. 14.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the December meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, a committee, consisting of Lord Cecil, M. de Brouckere and M. Titulescu, is meeting in London to-morrow to draft a definition of Article 11 of the League Covenant, which deals with the action to be taken by the League members in event of war, or threat of war and in order to safeguard peace. *British Wireless.*

AMENDED ARTICLES.

UNION INSURANCE & CHINA
FIRE MEETINGS.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, called for the purpose of amending the articles of Association, was held at the Society's offices this morning, Mr. J. A. Plummer presiding. There were also present:—Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. W. H. Bell (Directors), Mr. Paul Lauder (General Manager) and the following shareholders:—Sir Henry Pollock, Messrs. W. E. L. Shenton, R. A. Dastoor, J. Bentley, J. W. Alabaster, A. Summerfelt, G. S. Archbutt, A. C. Hay, H. C. B. Way, A. E. S. Alves, B. M. C. de Cunha, J. Gardner, W. F. Gardner, V. L. dos Remedios, V. R. V. Ribeiro and L. A. R. Sousa.

Mr. Paul Lauder read the notice convening the meeting.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—This meeting has been called to consider the resolution which has been read to you by the General Manager in the notice convening this meeting. The Society's Articles of Association have recently been scrutinised by eminent counsel in London and by our solicitors in Hongkong and they agreed that it is expedient and in the best interests of the shareholders to amend the Articles by providing that Board meetings and general meetings shall be held in Hongkong or at such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Board may from time to time determine. Your directors, in consultation with our lawyers, have also thought it advisable that our Articles should clearly indicate that the business of the Society is managed, conducted and controlled from its head office in Hongkong. I therefore strongly recommend your support to the proposals placed before you and beg formally to propose that the Articles be amended in the manner outlined in the resolution that has been read to you. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may care to ask.

Sir Henry Pollock seconded, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

The Chairman announced that a confirmatory meeting would be held on March 4th.

CHINA FIRE MEETING.

An extraordinary meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, followed: Mr. J. A. Plummer presided and the following shareholders were present:—Messrs. W. E. L. Shenton, J. Bentley, J. W. Alabaster, A. Summerfelt, G. S. Archbutt, A. C. Hay, H. C. B. Way, C. D. Wales, S. M. Garrard, E. A. Brodie, H. E. Orr, D. A. Rushton, M. D. G. Houre, A. A. Alves, F. H. Farnie, A. E. S. Alves, B. M. C. de Cunha, J. Gardner, W. F. Gardner, V. L. dos Remedios, V. R. V. Ribeiro, and L. A. R. Sousa.

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DANGEROUS DRIVING.

30 M.P.H. ROUND BLIND
CORNER.

Cases of speeding, dangerous driving, and inefficient brakes were among those brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning, when the usual Tuesday list of traffic offences was dealt with.

Sub-Inspector C. F. Alexander prosecuted in a case in which a Chinese was charged with dangerous driving at a blind corner between Repulse Bay and Tytam. He said that at 12.30 p.m. on February 2nd, he was on patrol between Repulse Bay and Tytam, travelling in a westerly direction. As he was approaching a blind corner, public motor car No. 362 came round the corner in the centre of the road, at a speed of about thirty miles an hour. Witness heard no horn sounded, and, had another car been going in the opposite direction, it was extremely likely that an accident would have occurred.

Defendant said his speed was only fifteen miles an hour, and there was another car in front of him.

Sub-Inspector Alexander agreed that there was another car preceding the defendant, but the driver had also been summoned.

Defendant was fined \$25.

Inefficient Brakes.

The lorry did not belong to his master, and when he was stopped he was taking it back to the owner on his master's instructions to have the brakes adjusted, a Chinese declared when summoned for inefficient brakes.

Traffic Sergeant Hopkins said the lorry was travelling in a westerly direction along Connaught Road Central on February 8th, and when he tested it, he found that the foot-brake was useless, and the hand brake was not efficient, although it acted to some extent. The owners of the lorry were at Belcher Street, West Point, and the defendant told him he had just returned from Shekko.

In reply to his Worship, the defendant said the brakes went wrong at Sai Wan Gap.

Remarking that the defendant had no right to take the lorry out in that condition, Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$10.

Speeding Cases.

Two cases of speeding were brought by Traffic Sergeant Clark. In the one case, he said, he followed a car the day after Chinese New Year from Centre Street to Queen's Street, the speed of the car being twenty-five miles an hour. The street was very crowded at the time.

The defendant's record showed that he had been in trouble twice previously, being cautioned the first time and fined \$25 on the second occasion, for dangerous driving.

A fine of \$30 was imposed.

In another case, Sergt. Clark said the defendant drove a car through the controlled area between Pokfulam Road and King's College at twenty-five miles an hour. The regulation speed through the area was fifteen miles an hour.

The defendant's excuse, that he was in a hurry to meet his master, did not avail him, and he was fined \$15.

NAVAL LIMITATION.

BRITAIN CONSIDERING
ATTITUDE.

London, Feb. 14.

Questions were asked in the House of Commons regarding President Coolidge's proposals for further naval disarmament.

The Premier replied that the Government was giving the proposals most earnest consideration. It was too early yet to make a statement. President Coolidge's communication was only received last Thursday night, and many considerations had to be borne in mind. *British Wireless.*

you. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may care to ask.

Mr. Archbutt seconded, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

The Chairman invited the presence of the shareholders at the confirmatory meeting to be held on March 4th.



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Judgment was given for the Crown for a total over \$50,000, in the King's Bench Division recently, on a number of informations laid by the Attorney-General against income tax defaulters.

Several thousands of pounds will also accrue to the Treasury as the result of formal judgments by consent.

"We ought to have half a crown off the income tax this year if we go on at this rate," said Mr. Justice Rowlatt, when the cases were finished.

Judgment was given against Colonel Ralph Sneyd in respect of super-tax and income tax amounting to £11,351, covering the period 1914-1920.

Lord Robert Innes-Ker was also in the list of defaulters, and Mr. R. P. Hills, for the Crown, said the claim covered four years' income, of which only the first year was substantially Lord Robert's. Almost the whole of the rest concerned the joint income of himself and his wife, who was a professional singer and actress who had earned a large income in the past.

In this case the Crown obtained judgment for £1,757, and other claims against Lord Robert, bringing the total to £6,164, were allowed to stand over.

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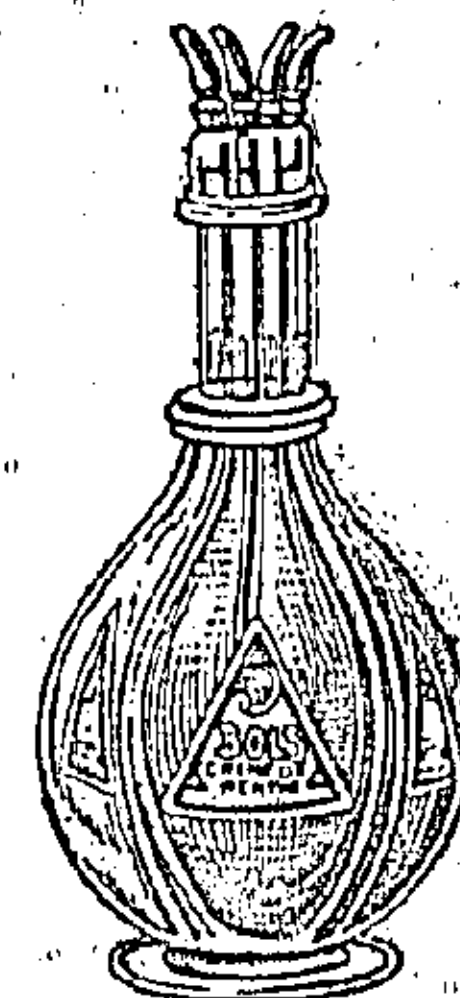
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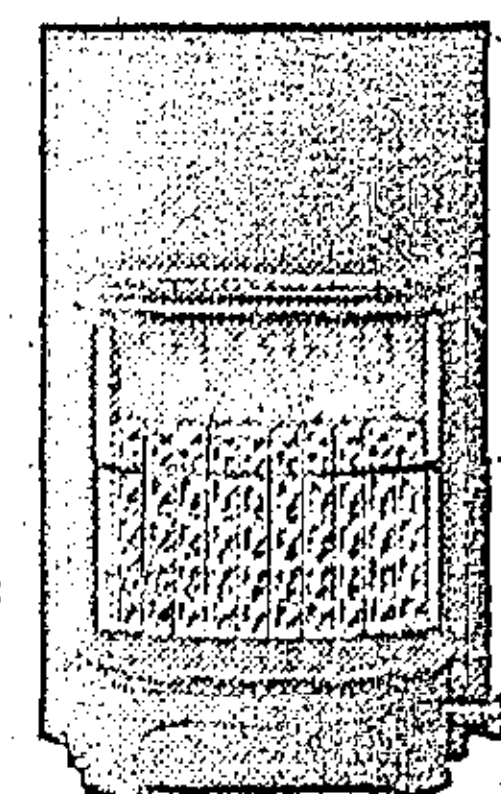
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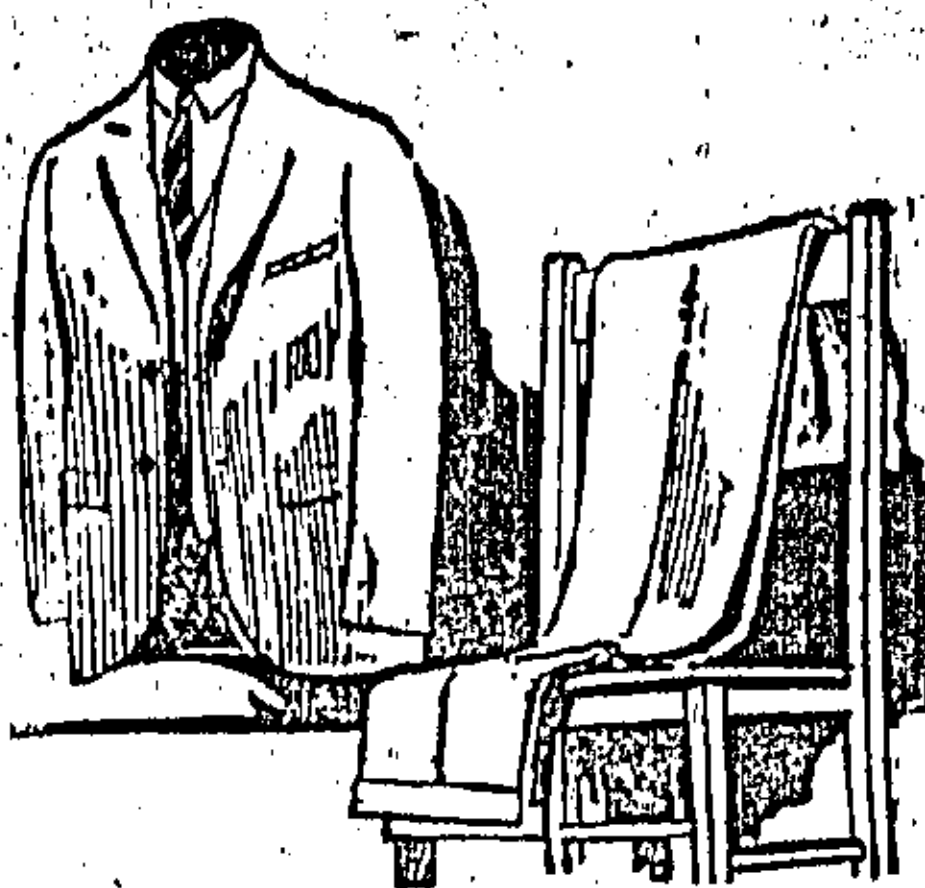
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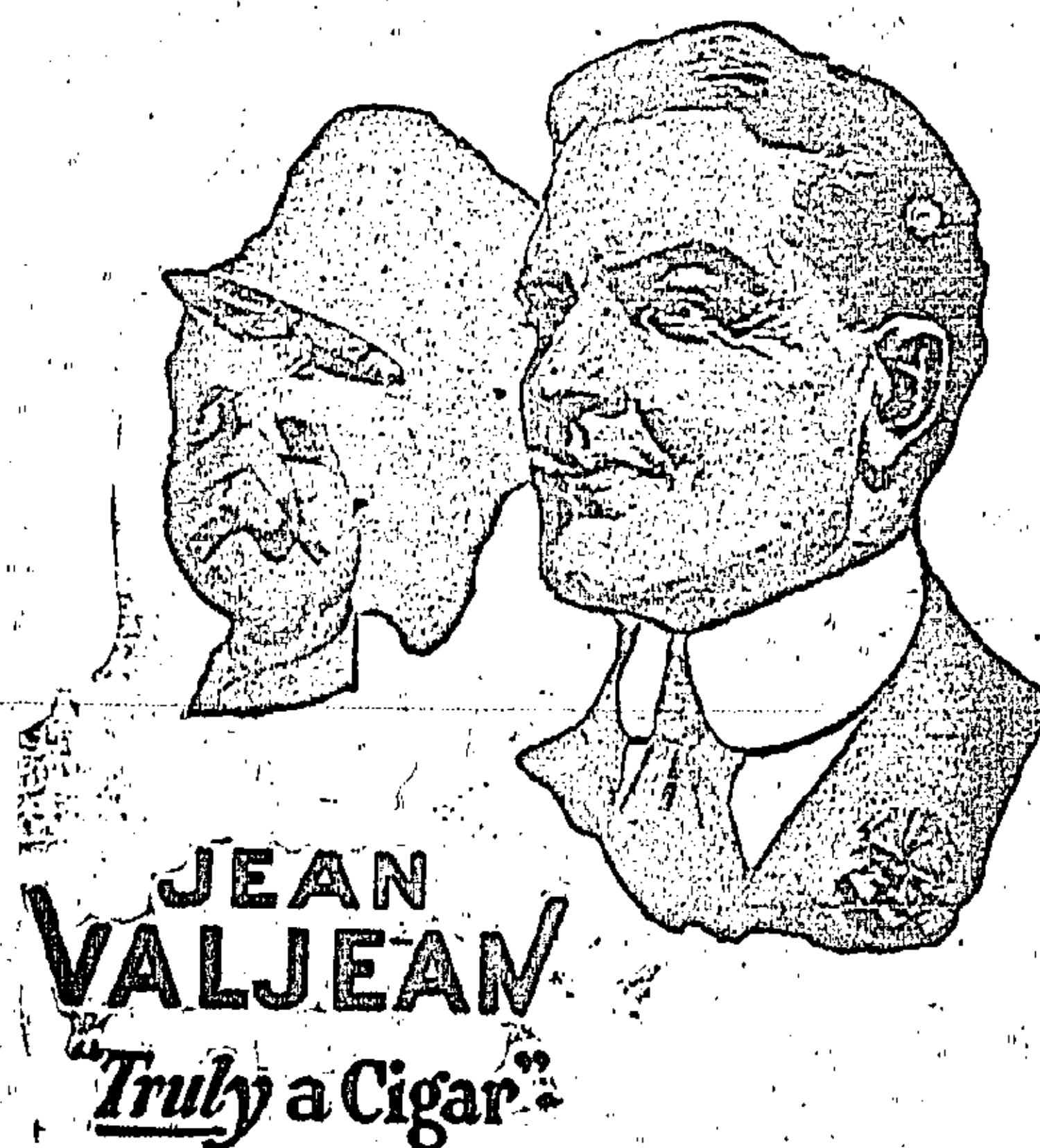
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FUNERAL OF LATE MR. G. W. AVENELL.

The funeral took place yesterday, with military honours, of the late Mr. George William Avenell, D.C.M., who died in the Government Civil Hospital on Sunday after a short illness. Mr. Avenell was well known for his connexion with the Forces before taking up a commercial career and had been a member of the staff of Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd for many years.

There was a large gathering at the funeral yesterday, testifying the great esteem in which the deceased was held by a large circle of close friends. The coffin was borne by members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, officers of the Corps present including Capt. H.B.L. Dowbiggin, Capt. S. J. Jordain, M. C. Lieut. F.J.R. Mitchell, and R.S.M. Westlake.

The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and bore the late Mr. Avenell's helmet, belt and bayonet. The Rev. G. T. Waldergrave officiated at the graveside and at the conclusion of the service a firing party from the Suffolk Regiment fired a salute over the grave. A bugler from the same regiment then sounded "The Last Post" and the "Reveille."

Representative Gathering.

The principal mourners were Mr. F. P. Lenfestey (brother-in-law) Mr. and Mrs. R. Colman (brother-in-law and sister) Mr. E. J. Ainslie.

Among the many representatives from Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. were Messrs. R. L. Bridger, F. M. Crawford, W. A. Eustace, S. H. E. Plackett, J. C. Long, E. G. Sewell, J. C. Long, T. E. Jones, W. A. B. Taylor, D. K. Kharas together with many other members of the staff.

From the European Y.M.C.A. were Messrs. J. H. Hunt (secretary) R. J. B. Clarke, C. James, J. Guy, Anderson, A. B. Whibley, A. Chapman, H. Greenhalgh, W. Brown, E. W. C. Allaire, T. V. Harmon, G. S. Brown, R. Murray, H. G. Swinburne, J. W. Johnson, Wat Lock King, and others.

Others present included Messrs. F. A. Macintosh, G. Duncan, M.B.E., R. Davies, R. Lawrence, J. C. Fletcher, R. S. Vayns, J. M. Jack, A. Gillard, J. Fraser, J. Hyde, J. McCubbin, J. Goldenberg, A. Forbes, V. C. Labrum, J. McKirdy, H. A. Jones, R. S. W. Puterson, Chief Inspector Kent, Sub. Inspector Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, and many other friends.

Floral Tributes.

Floral tributes were sent by the following: "Wife and daughter, Mother and Dad, Mother, Dorrie and Dad, Edna and Robin, Freddie."

The Directors of Messrs. Lane Crawford Ltd., staff, Lane Crawford, local staff, Lane Crawford, Col. Bird and Officers, H.V.D.C. Members of Sergeant's Mess, H.V.D.C. members, H.V.D.C. O.C. Infantry Co. H.V.D.C., Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell, H.V.D.C., the Detachment of R.A.O.C., the Kowloon Golf Club, Committee members, Kowloon Golf Club, Committee and members, Kowloon Football Club, Secretaries of the European Y.M.C.A., Members of the Y.M.C.A. Zetland Lodge of Freemasons, Hongkong Philharmonic Society, Bradley and Co. (Machinery Dept.), William C. Jack and Co. Ltd., Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, and Mrs. F. Budge, Mr. and Mrs. Bewick, D. M. Castro and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Forbes, Minnie and Eileen Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. White and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. E. Backett, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. B. Branch, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kynoch, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. E. Bullock, Cissy and Nellie Johansson, Mrs. E. Danenberg and Miss Julia Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bridger, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ormiston, Mrs. Spittles, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, F. Bunje, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett.

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THE TRAINING OF YOUTH.

PROBLEM OF THE AFTER-SCHOOL YEARS.

The latest Report of the Consultative Committee of the Board of Education merits the careful attention of all who are concerned with social improvement, says a writer in the London Observer. The Committee were asked to enquire into the question of training boys and girls from eleven to fifteen years of age who do not follow a course in a secondary school. These children now remain in public elementary schools until they have passed their fourteenth year, the present limit of compulsory schooling.

They leave to join the lower ranks of industry or commerce, forming annually an army of recruits numbering over half a million. At an age when more fortunate youngsters have just begun their real schooling these boys and girls have finished with formal education, and their immediate future is beset with difficulty, and sometimes with danger. Many of them drift from one casual occupation to another learning no trade but exercising their new freedom in ways that are to be deplored. For a few years they are carefree and happy, but when they reach the age of eighteen, employment becomes difficult to obtain because the new recruits are younger and cheaper.

Mr. Fisher proposed to institute compulsory attendance at day continuation schools, but this section of his Act remains a dead letter, and every year increases the difficulty of dealing rightly with the youth of the country. In the Report of the Consultative Committee it is urged that the problem should be attacked from a new angle, recognising two main truths which are now well-established. The first is that in all children the age of eleven marks the end of the primary stage of mental life and the beginning of youth. The second is that a high degree of intelligence and ability may reside in minds which do not respond to traditional literary methods of instruction, but are roused to activity by manual work and practical experience.

Hence the Committee suggests that elementary schools should be reorganised so as to provide primary training up to the age of eleven for all pupils. Then will follow the secondary stage in diverse forms according to the ascertained bent of each. Those of literary aptitude will proceed to a secondary course of the "grammar school" type. The rest will begin a secondary course of a "modern school" type, covering four years, of which the last two will have a definite relation to trade and industry.

The scheme involves an ultimate raising of the age of compulsory schooling to fifteen, but this may be justified if we can succeed in developing practical ability and a spirit of purposeful effort in young workers. The estimated cost of raising the school age is five millions, but against this may be set the direct saving in unemployment grants if the present gap at eighteen were narrowed. The indirect social benefit would bring an ample return, and our present expenditure on elementary education would be rendered more fruitful.

OBITUARY.

HONGKONG BANK'S BANGKOK MANAGER.

News was received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in a cable over the week-end, of the death of Mr. R. C. Edwards, the agent of the bank in Bangkok, who passed away subsequent to an operation.

The deceased first came to the East in 1894 and his 33 years of service with the bank has been spent in various parts of the Orient. He was Chief Accountant at the Hongkong branch during 1911 and later went to Japan in charge. He suffered injuries in the Yokohama earthquake of 1923 which resulted in the loss of a hand.

After a period of home leave, he returned to the East and was appointed to Bangkok where he has since been acting in the capacity of agent.

The news will be received with great regret locally, where the deceased was well-known and respected by the older residents of the Colony.

H. West, G. E. Welton, H. F. Westlake, P. Webster, Wat Lock King (Y.M.C.A.) and Tsang Fuk Yui, E. G. Sewell, R. Murray, A. McArthur, Henderson and Overly, "Bruno" A. friend, "Two sincere friends."

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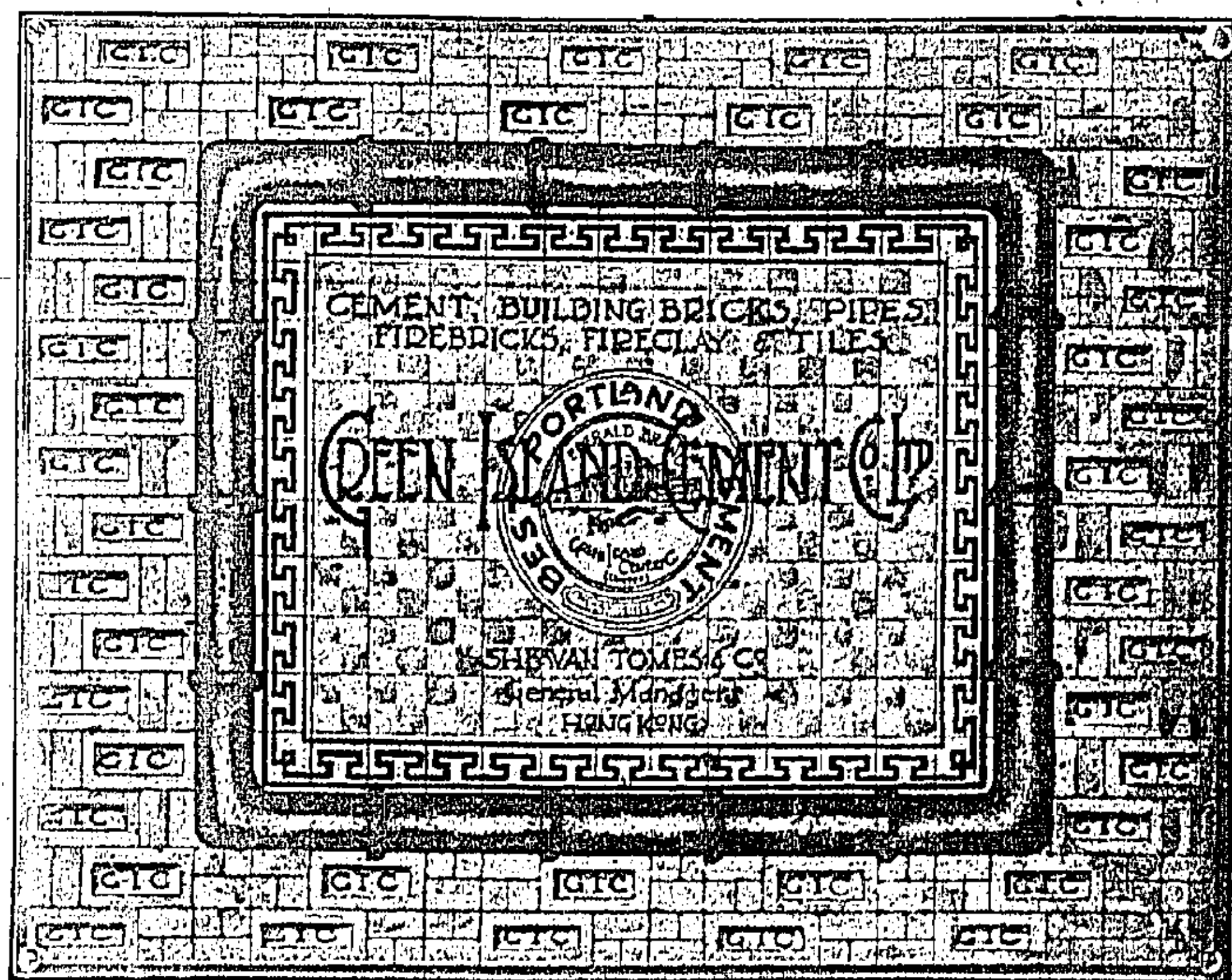


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"The work of a Prime Minister is the loneliest job in the world," said Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Premier, addressing members of the Worcestershire Unionist Association in his constituency of Bewdley, recently. "It is lonely for this reason—that the Prime Minister cannot share his ultimate responsibility."

"He is in the position of the captain of a ship on the bridge. He must try to look far ahead with much knowledge that is hidden from most of the people of this country. Whether he has done the work well or ill it is impossible for any ephemeral criticism to say. Time alone must be the judge of his work."

That is why the Prime Minister, above all others (Mr. Baldwin went on), must possess his soul

in patience and must harden himself to be indifferent to daily criticism. It may be that the action which is regarded as foolish at the moment may prove to be good by after events.

Some of you may have read that the Prime Minister was tired, feeble, or rattled. You may take it he is often tired, he may have been feeble, but was never rattled (Laughter and cheers.)

You may take it from me that what makes the Prime Minister tired when he thinks of it, is to see the results of last year's leadership of industrial labour. To see any prospect of improvement in the conditions of our people being dissipated by the folly of the men's own leaders is by far the most depressing fact in politics at the present day.

That same kind of loyalty that was shown by the men in the war was shown in labour struggles by men to their leaders, but when you watch that kind of loyalty you feel it is worth the finest leadership the world can put forward,

and they have not had it. (Cheers.) Many men have said Labour did not have a square deal from me. I think it is a far more serious thing it did not get a square deal from its own leaders. (Cheers.)

It is in the position of Prime Minister that you see folly wherever it raises its head in every corner of the world. London is like the centre of a giant spider's web and there is never a silly speech made, from Saskatchewan to Patagonia, but you see the vibration go down the filaments of that web, perhaps causing struggles and perhaps bloodshed at some place ten thousand miles away.

And it is these unseen burdens which have constantly to be born by those who are responsible for the Governments of the countries of the world to-day. These are the burdens that nothing can lift, but they can be eased, and eased indeed they are in my case by the generosity and affection which you always give me.

HOME FOOTBALL.

A FIRST DIVISION RESULT.

London, Feb. 14.
In the First Division of the English League, Blackburn Rovers defeated West Ham by four goals to one.—Reuter.

Division I.

Newcastle	23	16	5	7	65	38	37
Huddersfield	23	12	4	6	41	44	36
Burnley	23	14	7	7	68	47	35
Sunderland	23	15	5	9	69	48	35
Leicester	23	12	7	9	66	53	31
Liverpool	23	14	3	11	48	41	31
Blackburn	23	13	5	11	60	60	31
West Ham	23	13	4	11	47	45	30
Bolton	23	12	5	10	50	36	29
Arsenal	23	10	9	8	45	48	29
Manchester	23	11	7	10	42	45	29
Aston Villa	23	12	4	12	57	57	28
Sheffield	23	10	8	10	47	61	28
Tottenham	23	10	7	11	52	55	27
Birmingham	23	11	3	13	33	42	25
Wednesday	23	9	12	4	47	60	25
Bury	23	8	11	4	46	52	24
Derby	23	7	11	5	40	48	23
Cardiff	23	6	12	3	42	42	22
Leeds	23	5	14	4	47	54	21
Everton	23	6	17	4	47	71	18
West Brom	23	6	17	4	40	62	16

Division II.

Middlesbrough	27	17	5	5	83	48	39
Notts Forest	27	14	9	4	54	35	37
Manch City	23	16	3	9	70	44	35
Portsmouth	27	15	5	7	54	34	35
Preston	26	13	9	4	40	36	35
Hull City	27	14	5	8	40	26	33
Chelsea	26	13	7	6	42	36	33
Swansea	27	12	8	7	49	43	32
Southampton	27	12	6	9	47	41	30
Oldham	28	13	4	11	48	52	30
Blackpool	28	11	5	12	60	56	27
Port Vale	27	8	11	8	49	50	27
Reading	26	10	5	11	42	45	25
Sheff Wed	27	9	11	4	49	48	23
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Wolves	27	7	13	5	52	50	21
Nottingham	28	9	16	4	47	62	21
Fulham	27	8	14	3	37	62	21
Darlington	27	7	16	5	41	60	18
Grimby	27	5	15	3	39	65	17
Clapton	26	6	15	3	34	61	17
Bradford	28	3	18	2	29	54	13

Division III (South)

Bristol City	26	17	6	3	75	40	40
Swindon	28	16	7	5	71	47	39
Brighton	25	15	7	3	61	37	37
Millwall	28	15	7	6	60	36	37
Plymouth	27	14	7	6	63	44	35
Newport	27	16	3	8	40	41	35
Exeter	27	11	6	10	53	42	28
Crystal Palace	26	11	6	9	48	47	28
Luton	27	9	9	4	42	47	27
Bournemouth	26	10	6	10	52	43	26
Southend	27	11	4	12	48	46	26
Brentford	24	9	7	8	48	39	25
Bristol Rovers	26	6	11	3	39	46	24
Norwich	27	9	11	6	43	52	24
Coventry	28	11	6	12	48	64	23
Merthyr	26	8	4	14	42	53	20
Charlton	24	7	11	3	32	38	20
Q.P.R.	27	8	4	15	42	53	20
Watford	28	9	2	17	37	59	20
Northants	28	7	16	3	37	61	19
Gillingham	26	6	14	3	32	48	18
Aberdare	28	6	3	19	41	72	15

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Stoke	28	15	5	4	71	24	43
Halifax	27	15	9	3	47	28	36
Nelson	25	17	4	4	70	36	38
Stockport	27	17	4	6	65	39	38
Rochdale	26	16	6	6	67	46	38
Bradford	28	16	5	7	61	36	37
N. Brighton	27	12	8	7	51	40	32
Grantham	28	12	5	11	57	47	29
Chatterfield	26	12	4	10	60	47	28
Doncaster	26	10	7	9	47	46	27
Walsall	26	9	7	10	43	54	25
Hartlepool	26	10	4	14	45	50	24
Rotherham	29	7	10	12	51	64	24
Ashington	27	8	11	9	39	58	24
Lincoln	27	5	11	10	50	56	21
Wrexham	26	7	12	3	37	43	21
Southport	25	6	11	9	39	50	20
Durham	27	8	3	16	31	53	19
Crewke	26	6	7	13	42	51	19
Accrington	28	6	16	4	44	55	18
Wigan	27	6	15	3	38	60	18
Barrow	26	2	6	18	22	76	10

Scottish League.

Rangers	25	17	4	4	67	30	38
Motherwell	27	16	5	6	59	35	37
Celtic	23	15	4	4	73	27	34
Falkirk	26	13	6	7	58	35	32
Aberdeen	27	12	8	7	59	48	32
Dundee	25	11	7	5	53	39	29
Airdrie	27	12	5	10	64	52	29
St. Mirren	27	13	3	11	58	49	28
C. Donhead	27	12	4	11	52	43	28
Hibernians	26	11	6	9	43	42	28
Queen's Park	26	11	4	11	52	59	26
St. Johnstone	27	10	6	11	42	51	26
Partick	27	10	4	13	65	56	24
Hearts	26	9	11	4	47	49	24
Hamilton	26	9	5	12	41	63	23
Kilmarnock	27	8	13	6	36	52	22
Clyde	27	6	15	3	39	75	18
Morton	27	7	3	17	35	83	17
Dundee Utd	27	5	17	3	34	66	15
Dunfermline	26	5	16	2	28	60	15

The Belgian Consulate General, of 5, MacDonnell Road, is desirous of ascertaining the present whereabouts of Mrs. Tan Yamine (nee Marthe Nuellens).

YACHTING.

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S RACING.

In the race held yesterday over a course of 7.4 miles, Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rocks (P), Mark Boats on Line (P) Channel Rocks (S), the following were the results:

Start at 3 p.m. H. Class.	Finishing Time Corrected Time
La Linda (1) 4.24.20	4.24.20
Colleen (2) 4.28.00	4.27.28
Diana (3) 4.39.50	4.39.50
Falcon (5) 4.51.19	4.46.09
Bluenose (4) 4.57.21	4.41.10
Daphne (1) 4.53.13	4.39.89
Thecla (2) 5.02.36	4.39.47

SHANGHAI PLAN.

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military prognosticators, who can specify the exact date on which General Ho Ying-ching will reach Lungkuang, but foreigners can easily afford, in this situation, to wait until things happen, to deal with groups possessing actual powers and to make the best arrangements they might with those who can enforce any agreements entered into. To enter into agreements with the nebulous forces that sponsored neutralization is even more dangerous than to treat with Hankow as a separate Government.

Nationalist Opposition.

The Nationalists must oppose this plan because it is anti-Nationalistic. It provides for a still further division of China. It means that a new state will be carved out of the economically most important provinces of China and that that state will be independent of any central control. States have a way of perpetuating themselves and it will be more difficult to destroy the neutralized Shanghai than it will be to create it—particularly when the revenue of the independent area is so enormous, probably as large as that of the whole Nationalist Government. To the Nationalists, who believe that their possession of Shanghai is as assured as the Northerners believe that the South can never get here, the neutralization movement is only a scheme to impede their progress.

Now, from the standpoint of the foreigners, it may be advantageous to keep the Nationalists out of Shanghai, in which case the only feasible plan is either to support Marshal Sun or Marshal Chang or to occupy the Shanghai area itself until the territory can be returned to a recognized, established Government of China. The latter plan is the more practicable one, as the Powers always suffer when they intervene in the internal affairs of China. For the Powers to assist in the creation of a new political agency in China, for them to support a group which now has no power or authority over which sit in the foreign settlements of Shanghai, scheming to batter upon China's misfortunes, would be suicidal. It would mean that both north and south would regard the foreigners in Shanghai as enemies. Both sides would blame the foreigners for the loss of territory, which now one side holds and the other covets. And in the event of the Nationalists actually coming here, if they reached the Shanghai environs and established themselves here, the Powers would be dealing with a Chinese group of middle-men who would themselves be, at the moment, in negotiation with the Nationalist Government for recognition.

The Secret Campaign.

It is then of the utmost importance to make it clear beyond cavil that the plan is not foreign but Chinese and that Mr. Kellogg was betrayed into an error by hysterical Americans who regard every rumour of Lanchi fallen as proof that they and their goods will be the morrow evacuate Shanghai. Manilaward, as they put it. These Americans, in their anxiety for personal safety, have disregarded the fact that in warfare in China, Shanghai has no strategic value, that it is just as easy to reach Nanking by the Taihu route as it is to cross the dangerous bridge on the Shanghai-Hangchow railway. Shanghai's sole value to the Chinese is revenue and no military power can afford to permit the Shanghai revenue to fall into the hands of its enemies or of a group of politicians who could use it for the eternal detriment of the country.

The story of the secret campaign locally waged to influence the American Government to make the proposal would make interesting telling were it not that one would have to pillory so many Chinese and foreigners, who are after all fairly decent fellows, even if they do lack political perspicacity.

LOCAL CRICKET.

VARSITY MATCH.

The following will be the teams for the Inter-faculty match (Engineering v. Arts) to be played on Wednesday, 16th inst. at 2 p.m., in the University Pavilion, Pokfulam:

Engineering.—Mr. W. M. Gittins (Capt.) Prof. M. H. Roffey, Messrs. H. Hunt, Cheong Tuck Wing, I. Tajima, A. Hazeland, A. B. Sullivan, S. Kerman, A. B. Schroter, H. T. M. Barma and A. N. Other.
Arts.—Mr. B. P. Ng (Capt.) Dr. R. A. Ponsenby Fane, Messrs. T. E. Yeoh, S. Hachuma, E. Zimmern, J. E. Noronha, W. Hong Sling, S. V. Gittins, F. H. Traves, A. Baker and F. Zimmern.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.	
Hongkong, \$1,100 sa.	
Chartered Bank, \$21 n.	
Mercantile A. & B., \$32 n.	
Mercantile C., \$131 n.	
P. and O., \$92 b.	
East Asia, \$84 n.	

Marine Ins.	
Canton Ins., \$655 b.	
China Underwriters, \$90 b.	
North China, \$145 n.	
Union Ins., \$285 b.	
Yankee Ins., \$38 b.	

Fire Ins.	
China Fire, \$200 b.	
Hongkong Fire, \$615 b.	

Shipping	
Douglases, \$303 b.	
Seamboats, \$23 s.	
Tugs, \$110 n.	
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$30 s.	
Shell Trans., \$91- m.	
Star Ferries, \$55 b.	
Waterboats, \$141 n.	

Refineries.	
China Sugars, \$22 s.	
Malabons, \$34 n.	

Mining.	
Bonguots, \$130 n.	
Kailans, \$3/- n.	
Langkats, \$24 n.	
Shui Exploration, \$450 n.	
Shanghai Loans, \$71 n.	
Rauks, \$4 s.	
Tronohs, \$21- b.	
Ural Caspians, \$7- n.	

Docks, etc.	
Kowloon Wharves, \$1121 b.	
Whampoa Docks, \$40 n.	
Hongkows, \$165 n.	
New Engineering, \$54 b.	
Shanghai Docks, \$1021 b.	

Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$780 sa.	
H.K. Lands, \$574 sa.	
Realty, \$57 b.	
Territorials, \$21 s.	
Humphreys, \$12.60 X. Div.	
Princes Bldgs, \$89 n.	
Rural Lands, \$14 s.	

Cottons.	
Ewos Cottons, \$18.85 b.	
Oriental, \$18.21 n.	
Shai Cottons, \$18.53 n.	

Buses, Trams.	
China Buses, \$18.94 b.	
Tramways, \$221 b.	
Peak Trams, (old) \$151 b.	
Spore Tractions, \$13- s.	
Taxis, \$1 s.	

Miscellaneous.	
Amusements, \$18 sa.	
Canton Ice, \$5 n.	
Cements (Comb.), \$8 s.	
China Lights, \$141 n.	
China Prov., \$5.10 sa.	
Constructions, \$2.20 b.	
Dairy Farms, \$18 sa.	
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.	
H'kong Electric, \$59 s.	
Macao Electric, \$35 n.	
Ropes (Old), \$10 s.	
Lane Crawfords, \$8 n.	
Macintosh, \$19 s.	
Sinceres, \$34 s.	
United Asbestos, \$20 n.	
Watsons, \$124 b.	
Powells, \$91 n.	

Harbin.—Evidently as a result of the large timber concessions obtained recently by Japan from the Soviet Government, the Japanese Timber Merchants Association plans to widen the scope of its operations. According to latest advice, this association has decided to open a special bank to finance the timber industry. Some help from the government is anticipated. The government will not receive any returns until the bank is able to pay 7 percent dividends. A branch of this new bank will be opened at Harbin.	
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Chelsea	v	Burnley.
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Reading	v	Brentford.
S. Shields	v	Swansea.

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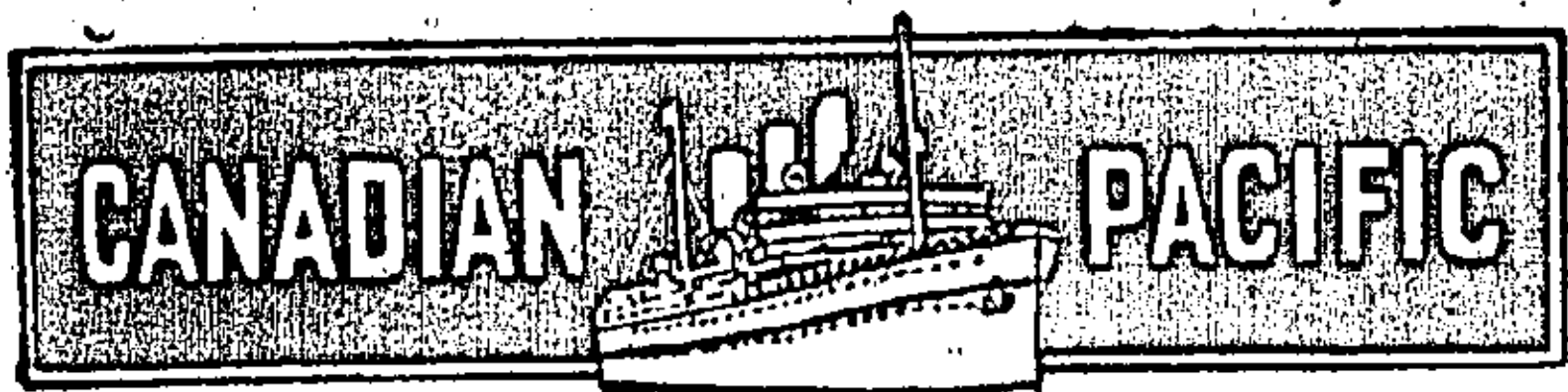
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SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Thurs. 17th Feb at noon.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Namsang	Satur. 19th Feb at 3 p.m.
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TIENTSIN	Chipsang	Sun. 20th Feb at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN S'tow, S'hai, Chefoo	Tingsang	Sun. 20th Feb at 7 a.m.
CANTON	Hopsang	Thurs. 24th Feb at 7 a.m.
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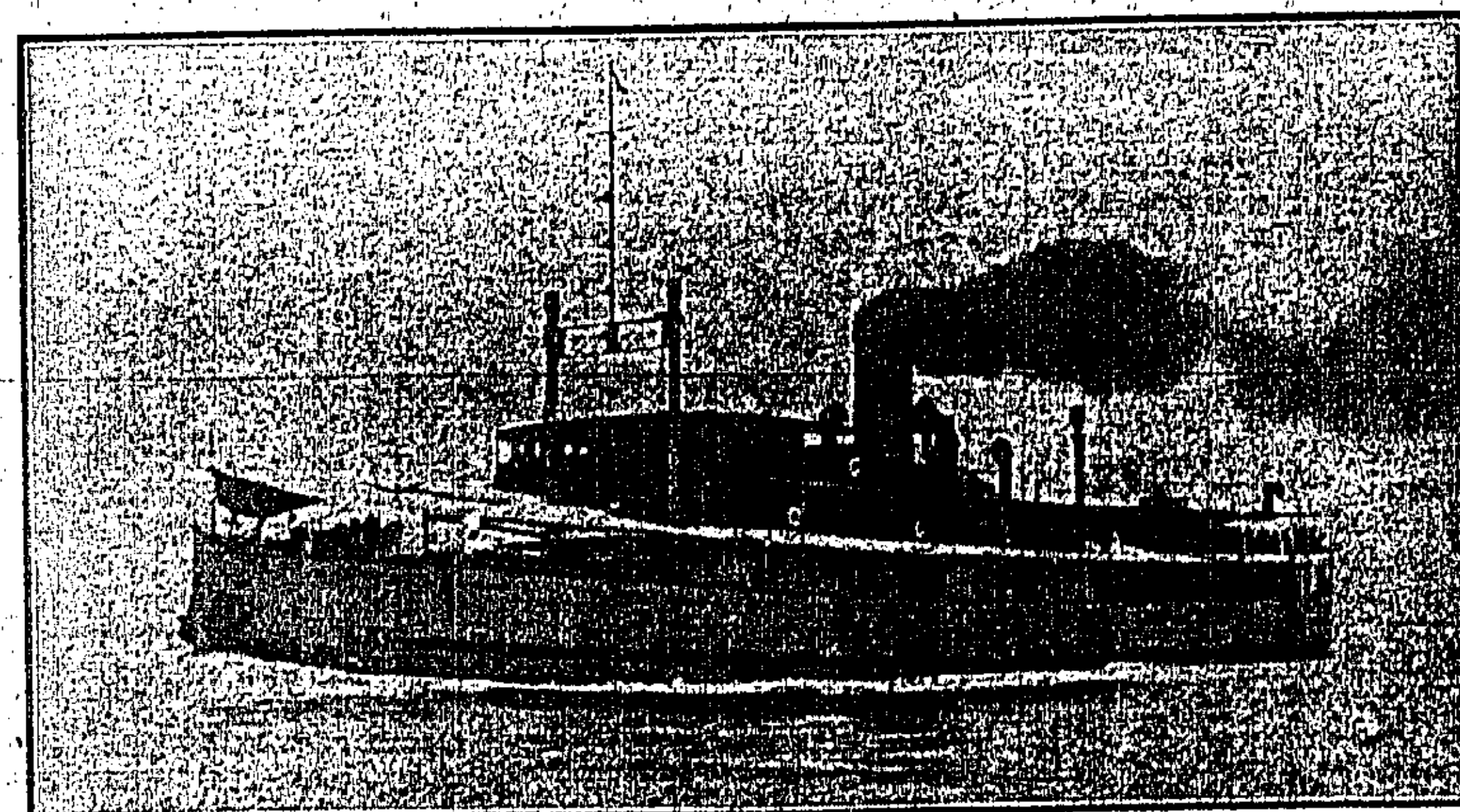
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MANTUA	10,902	5th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th Mar.	M'les, L'don & A'werp
NAGPORE	5,283	14th Mar.	S'gon, M'les, L'don A'werp Hamburg & Rotterdam
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PROBLEMS OF RHEUMATISM.

DISEASE THAT CAUSES MANY DEATHS.

"It is estimated that there are no fewer than thirty thousand deaths in England and Wales each year due to rheumatic heart disease," said Dr. Reginald Miller recently when lecturing at the sixth Winter School for Health Visitors and School Nurses at Bedford College.

Some time ago it was estimated that no fewer than fifty thousand children had rheumatic disease, and that there were ten thousand cases in London alone. A rather interesting thing occurred towards the end of the war. When the conscripts of 1918 were called up it was found in service that twenty-two per thousand of the youths of eighteen were rejected for heart disease that was rheumatic. "It is quite clear that we are face to face with one of the great killing and disabling diseases," said Dr. Miller.

Rheumatism, he said, was practically unknown in private schools. It was a disease of the poor, but curiously enough it was not a slum disease. It was not a disease of the upper stratum of the artisan type. If they knew why that was so they would have the key to the solution of the disease in their hands.

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PEOPLE WHO CANNOT SLEEP.

Fortunately sleep seldom leaves us altogether, but few of us escape periods during which we fail to obtain our normal amount, writes a physician to the *Daily Mail*.

This varies very greatly with the age and habit of the individual. The average is probably seven or eight hours, but there are undoubtedly people—Napoleon was one—who manage to get along with only three or four hours' sleep, without any damage.

Lack of sufficient sleep may take various forms. Thus the difficulty may be in getting off to sleep within a reasonable time, or we may find that we can go to sleep easily enough, but wake up early and are unable to go to sleep again.

In a third variety our sleep is frequently broken throughout the night—often owing to nightmares or disturbing dreams.

Lastly, it may be the quality rather than the quantity of sleep that is at fault—that is to say, although sleep comes during the night, on awakening in the morning we still feel tired and unrefreshed.

Discomfort is the great enemy of sleep. The discomforts may be

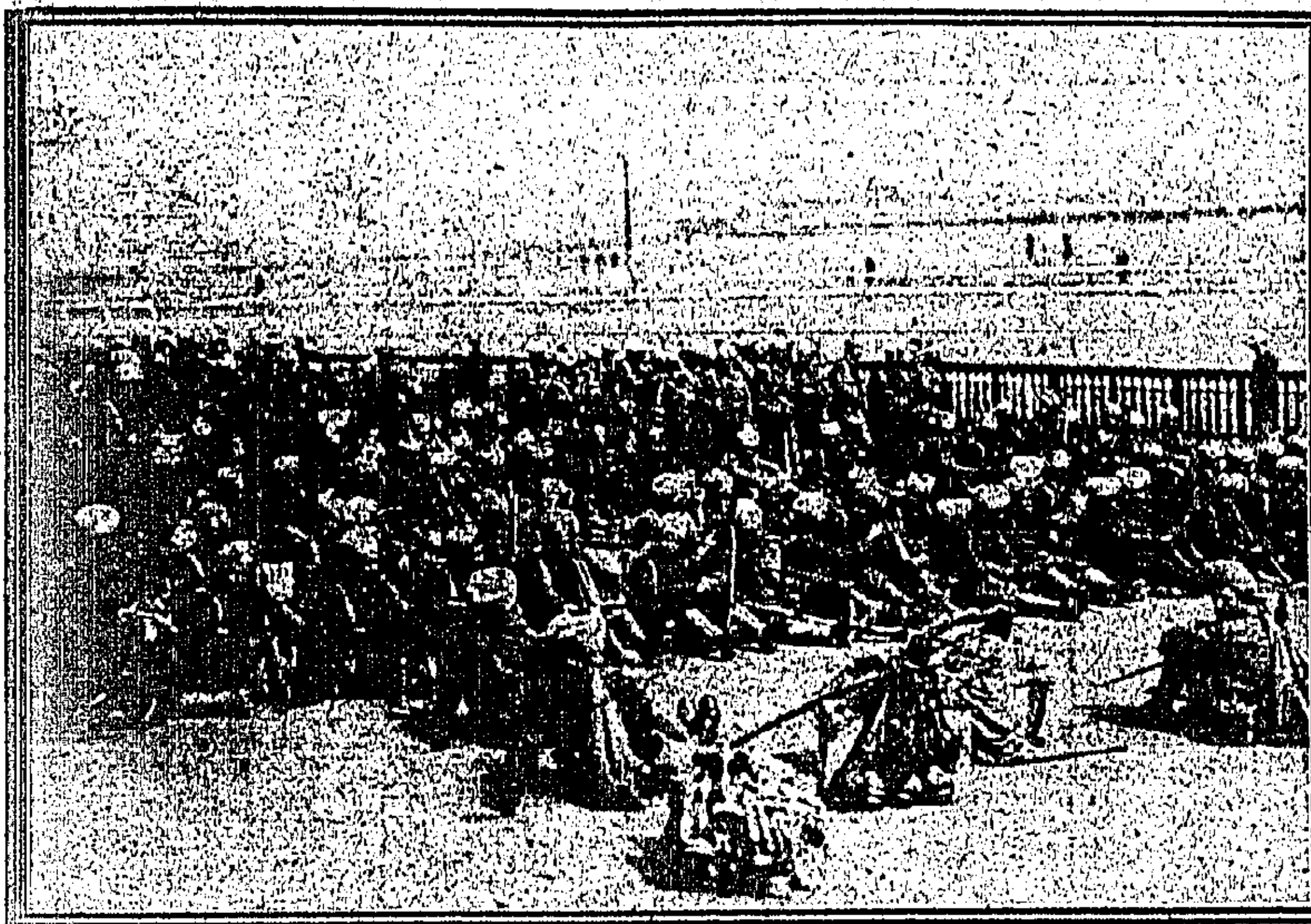
external, as when the bed itself or its surroundings are unsuitable. They may be internal and due to disease either of the body or mind. In nearly all forms of sleeplessness there is a tendency both to underestimate the actual amount of sleep obtained and to exaggerate the evil consequences.

This is foolish. We are all able to do with a considerable reduction in our sleep—at any rate, for a time; and, in any case, rest in bed, with muscular relaxation, is to a certain extent a substitute for sleep. Dread of not sleeping and desperate efforts to sleep only make the condition worse. Many a patient has found that the best way to regain the lost art of sleeping is to go to bed quite indifferent as to whether sleep comes or not.

Lastly, sleeplessness should always be carefully investigated. Whereas no one should resort to drugs without medical advice, nevertheless, they have often proved helpful in sleeplessness, when properly administered.

Paris.—The day of the skirt is passing, according to Paul Poiret, fashion dictator. The Mussolini of the costume world predicts that in 30 years women will be wearing a new and hygienic costume with lines distinctly masculine. Trouser skirts will be the vogue, he predicts.

THE PUNJABIS AT SHANGHAI.



Men of the Punjabi Regiment after they had reached the Race Club enclosure at Shanghai. They are shortly returning to Hongkong.

NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN FAIL.

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the further humiliation of negotiating with men who have proved beyond any possibility of doubt that sincere negotiation and to make friends with Britain are the last things they intend?

Want Troops Away.

The game they are playing is almost brutally plain, as the interview with Eugene Chen reported to-day by Reuters shows. He blandly ignores his having informed Mr. O'Malley in writing that his Red masters will only discuss of Britain's generous offers if there is no discussion of them with Peking. Now he tells us that an agreement is ready for signature and awaits only Britain's decision about the troops. Could anything be more false? But at any cost of truth, logic or decency the Reds must get those troops kept away from the Yangtze, or the upshot might be a China in which decent and orderly Chinese might live at peace and liberty.

Are all the doings of recent weeks to be as if they had never been, their lesson to be forgotten or ignored? At this moment there are large numbers, perhaps hundreds, of British homes all up and down the Yangtze, wrecked and plundered. Many of their owners have been brutally maltreated by these "Nationalists," some are refugees in Shanghai destitute of all but the clothes they escaped in, some try to carry on their work in steamers anchored in the river opposite their ruined homes.

Worthless Pledges.

At Hankow and Kiukiang the "Nationalist" party sit on stolen British property, of which they got possession by a deliberately incited attack of an organized mob. Last October they undertook, at Canton, to call off the boycott; again and again they have promised their protection to the peaceful British. What have these pledges been worth? They have given, moreover, solemn assurances that Christian property should be respected. But across all south and central China the "Nationalist" trail is scarred by burned and looted missions from which many of the occupants barely escaped with their lives; and to-day Shanghai harbours scores of disillusioned and discouraged missionaries of all sects and long service in China, who have suffered the grossest humiliation at the hands of disciplined troops. What is to be thought of the men who have done these things? How can there be any notion of dealing with them that does not evoke an instant feeling of personal and national dishonour?

The news of Mr. Eugene Chen's visit to Mr. O'Malley may, we sincerely hope it does, mean less than we fear. But the present moment is one of the most crucial importance. We would urge that every British organization in Shanghai and every British firm that can command any influence at Home should cable its earnest representations against the terrible possibility of some fatal weakening

REFUGEE TALES.

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him that if the company did not agree to their demands he would be kidnapped and held for ransom. Several attempts had been made to try and get him to Chinese residences, from which he was sure that he would have been kidnapped. In each instance, however, he evaded the invitations.

All of the refugees say that the situation throughout the two provinces are appalling. In many places the centre wing of the Kuomintang has succeeded in agitating to such an extent that whole estates have been seized and divided up in much the same manner as was done in Russia during the revolution. In other districts the military have taken rich Chinese out and executed them in order that they might be examples to those who do not wish to hand over their fortunes. There is a spy system established through which the military practically know the financial status of all the rich Chinese. The whole country under the Cantonese jurisdiction has practically been milked dry and there is very little to be given. More than 60 per cent. of the Chinese business houses in the provinces have been forced to close their doors and Chinese business is suffering infinitely more than is foreign business.

ITALY'S BACHELOR TAX.

CRITICISMS FROM THE MORAL SIDE.

Rome.—The new law for the discouragement of bachelorhood, which came into force with the New Year, fixes the age at which a man is liable to a fine from twenty-five to sixty-five years. The Emperor Augustus let off the bachelor at sixty. The tax is to be progressive, varying from 10 to 100 lire, and the funds derived from it will go to the National Maternal and Child Welfare work. It is expected to bring in some sixty millions.

A few criticisms of the law have been whispered. It is suggested that, from a fiscal standpoint, the application of the tax will be difficult, because of the large number of exceptions—priests, second lieutenants, and people suffering from hereditary diseases—while it seems unfair that those who do not marry because of insufficient means are to be thus burdened. Others criticise it from the moral side, pointing out that the edict is in flagrant contrast with the Christian principles which Fascism declares it follows more closely than any other Government. Christianity regards matrimony as the fusion of two souls; the Government proposes to tax the man who has failed to find his twin soul. In short, the taxation of the bachelor tends to regard man too much as an animal useful in increasing the already superabundant Italian population.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 13.—Forty-one years of railroad service without a single accident, is the record of which James B. Kirkpatrick boasts. Kirkpatrick, who is 63 years old, is at present a conductor on the Frisco railroad, making the run from Kansas City to Sapulpa, Okla.

GIRLS AT OXFORD.

THE NEW 'VARSITY WOMAN'.

I am told that every girl at Oxford—and, I suppose, Cambridge—has her own car, says a woman writer in the *Daily Chronicle*. And in it she goes to her lectures, her coachings, her games, and in it, too, may sometimes be seen her male counterpart out for a joy-ride before he disappears to lectures, or Hall, or the eight.

It makes me realise the changes that the universities have seen since I went up. Friends and relations did their best to prevent it, but fortunately I had far-seeing parents, and the friends and relations had to content themselves with remarking that I always had been "a queer girl—with very odd ideas."

Higher education was a new thing for women in those days. Girton, after making a false start at Hitchin, had moved its handful of students to Cambridge, where they settled down in 1873—two miles distant from the town lest they should come to harm through too close contact with the University.

Newnham followed two years later, largely through the influence of Professor Sidgwick, an ardent feminist, and expanded quickly under its first mistress, Anne Jemima Clough. The Oxford women's colleges, Somerville, Lady Margaret Hall, St. Hugh's, and St. Hilda's, followed in due course, and by 1893 the new movement was well on its feet.

Even so it had its detractors, and I remember when it was regarded as an experiment of cranks—before Philippa Fawcett had started to ride into Cambridge and all the cultured world with her Tripos result and made us realise that women were at last coming into their own.

But we were badly hampered by conventions. Those were the days when for us to meet an undergraduate was an event. Were we to see an acquaintance in the road, discretion bade us bow and pass on. Not that we always listened to discretion, but if we did stop and speak to the young man our hearts were in our mouths and our conversation hurried and apologetic.

Bicycles had been invented, and though fashionable London had taken to riding its two or three laps round Battersea Park, we were forbidden them as being unbecomingly to a university atmosphere.

We walked to our lectures, each of which was attended by an official chaperon—poor bored dear! We sat in groups far from the men. I understand that nowadays men and women sit together, and I am glad to hear it.

Dances in my time were restricted to "Commem." and May week at Cambridge. Then we could let ourselves go for that brief time, but even so we did not go far. Tennis was our only game (the idea of a woman rowing—and in shorts... horror!), and we were urged to wear short skirts—"a full two inches above the ground"—lest our movements be impeded.

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HOUSTON STEWARD CHAMBERLAIN.

DEATH OF A RENEGADE ENGLISHMAN.

Mr. Houston Stewart Chamberlain recently died at Bayreuth. Chamberlain was the son of a British admiral and the nephew of a British general, and he spent most of his life in besmirching with tongue and pen the land of his birth.

He was born at Portsmouth in 1855, and was educated in France and at Cheltenham College and Geneva. Later he settled at Dresden, and in 1916 became a naturalised German subject. This did not prevent him in 1921 from trying to benefit by the will of his late uncle, General Sir Crawford Trotter Chamberlain, but Mr. Justice O. P. Lawrence held that he had forfeited his interests, and all he received was some bit of criticism in the German newspapers for his attempt. The *Berliner Tageblatt* said:

"We must sorrowfully record that Chamberlain was an Englishman, unfortunately became a German, wanted to be English again, and is again Deutscher, but he is no Teuton."

The White Ribbon. During the war Chamberlain's anti-British activities were so vigorous that the Kaiser gave him the Iron Cross, in common with thousands of other people—but with the White Ribbon (for civilian services).

"A nation of dissemblers, forgers, liars, and cheats," was one of the epithets bestowed on his Motherland by this man, of whom Mr. Justice Lawrence said that he was liable to be tried for treason if he came within British jurisdiction.

In his book *Democracy and Freedom* he declared that "there is no freedom and no democracy either in England or France."

Chamberlain, having divorced his first wife, a German teacher of music, married in 1908 a daughter of Richard Wagner, the composer.

RAILWAY DISASTER.

TWELVE KILLED IN EXPRESS COLLISION.

London, Feb. 14. It is estimated that twelve people were killed in a collision near Hull between the express from Withernsea and the Scarborough express. Six Withernsea coaches, the passengers in which were mostly school children were telescoped. The saloon coach containing business men was wrecked.—*Reuter*.

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THE WORLD'S CHEAPEST TRAVEL.

"A saloon passenger, for a figure not much in excess of 1½d. a mile, is transported to Australia and lives without additional cost comfortably and even luxuriously in a first-class hotel," said Mr. I. C. Geddes, presiding at the annual meeting of the Orient Steam Navigation Co. in London.

"The melancholy fact remains that for many months in the year our ships sail with only a handful of long voyage saloon passengers."

As to a proposed 22-knot service to Australia, he remarked that such a service could only be maintained—if at all—at the cost of a formidable subsidy. To create, under existing conditions, a North Atlantic standard of speed by subsidy would be to put saloon passengers on the dole.

"For a relatively small number of passengers and mails we believe that the future lies rather in the air than on the ocean, but whether the Orient Company will ever be concerned with the manning of airships I do not know."